

Testimony submitted via email.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an art therapist, ATR, and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Oregon.

I understand you will be hearing HB 2432 today regarding Art Therapy. Thank you very much for your work on this important matter. As a registered Art Therapist, I have practiced art therapy for many years and believe it to be a very valuable method of mental health care. This bill should support the public by regulating the practice of art therapy, but should also not prevent other licensed professionals from using art incidentally in their practice.

I wanted to request also that the revisions sent previously by team of art therapists be adopted including that: in definition 'Item 5' the phrase 'for compensation' be removed as some art therapists may offer services free of charge. Also, to request the revisions mentioned in revision document including, parts of Section 1-5, d, Def. 1, Sections 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 be included.

Thank you for your time and work,
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