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Subject: Please Vote Against HB 2319

HB 2319 creates a "Mental Health Regulatory Agency" that *excludes* most mental-health categories in Oregon. At best, this is confusing.

As presented, the agency includes these professionals:

- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Psychologists

It *excludes* all of these mental-health practitioners:

- Psychiatrists
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
- Neurologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Qualified Mental Health Professionals/Associates
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors
- Art Therapists
- Music Therapists
- Dance Therapists
- Hypnotherapists
- ... and many more

Because the name, "Mental Health Regulatory Agency" is such an outrageous overreach, one can't help but wonder if this is the main motivation for the bill.

Yours truly,

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