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I oppose the proposed voluntary regulation of alternative practitioners including coaches. I am both an alternative healing practitioner and executive coach. I already comply as a professional certified coach (PCCO with the International Coaching Federation (ICF). As a PCC, I maintain 40 hours of continuing education for my PCC renewal every 3 years, I certify compliance with the ICF code of ethics, for which I receive training every 3 years, I participate in the local chapter which offers training in our competencies and provides regular education to improve our skills and expertise. ICF offers communities of practice for coaches specializing in areas of focus. Initially to become certified I logged 750 hours of professional coaching to receive the PCC credential. ICF serves as a credentialing, governing and standards setting organization for which I pay annual fees of \$245. When I renew my certification, I pay \$175 plus the costs of all the continuing education training needed to meet the standards.

It would be an unnecessary burden to be required to register and pay additional fees to the state of Oregon. I already pay taxes, register with the secretary of state, and comply with business regulations. Oregon would be the only state in the country requiring this additional reporting, testing, verifying and fee requirements. These would be both unnecessary and a barrier to doing business in Oregon.