

HB 2493 is just another way for government to persecute indigenous practices. My name is Liliana Barzola, I am mestizo and my spiritual healing practice comes from the innate wisdom of my people, passed down to me, it lives in my blood and in my bones. For over twenty years I have offered healing to my community. I have given more than 20,000 healing sessions and blessings to humans from all walks of life, to the land and to animals. For my people, regulators represent oppression not salvation. I refuse to check a box and pay a regulatory board to allow me to share what my ancestors have given to me freely. It is enough that I pay taxes and business licensing. The work I do is not replicable, it cannot be measured by your oppressive systems. Healers are artists. We are healing artists. Are you going to have all the musicians and painters register too? Are they not giving healing to people through their art? Maybe we need to have them register their instruments. If you pass this bill you will be taking away the basic freedom for humans to heal each other.

Rev. Liliana Barzola
Lotus Lantern Healing Arts
Portland, Oregon