

My name is Gabby Holt. I am an Oregon native and have lived here my whole life. I am Native Hawaiian and Native Cherokee Nation. Spiritual and healing modalities are God/Divine/Spirit/Universal given birth rights. The only reason they've become monetized is because indigenous culture has been completely stripped away on this land and brutally forced into a capitalist society. Now, that we are here in a capitalist world- these gifts are being shared through the energy exchange of money. Yes, these healers are business owners and already pay business taxes. It's a business because what was once a GIFT has been forced into a society that does not exchange gifts anymore. We used to exchange gifts for currency and it wasn't expected to get anything in return. Because that's how an abundant universe works; we give, we receive. It's a never ending abundant flow of life. We do the best we can through the systems we have in place to continue those practices and money just so happens to be the way to exchange and give value to someone's energy currently. If we let this pass, the bill will further indoctrinate systematic racism and systemic oppression. The state has absolutely no business stepping into a sacred, spiritual world. Not in my house, not in my state, not in my heart - will I ever participate in a state regulated spiritual practice. Spiritual practices are in the same category as religion. There is no room for any state involvement.