

HB2493 claims that there is an emergency, but doesn't explain the emergency or the need for such a registry. It also requires passing an exam, but doesn't specify which exam, who would administer it, or what it would be testing. An exam is usually used for licensing, not for a registry.

The bill claims it is a voluntary registry, yet with how it is written it appears that it will eventually turn into a mandatory licensing. For what purpose? Where is the harm to the public performed by these services? Is someone trying to kill their perceived competition?

All these questions and more need to be asked and answered regarding this suspicious bill. Restricting the offering of "spiritually based disciplines" infringes on the public's freedom of religion.

As an ordained minister and Reiki practitioner, I oppose HB2493. It doesn't provide exemptions for ministers, who are not licensed, yet who provide the services stated in the definitions. It also doesn't provide exemptions for other licensed professions that provide those services. There are implications that it's only for unlicensed individuals, but does not include specific language allowing licensed professionals to continue providing such services.