

As a retired Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from the Portland VA, I am opposed to the proposed actions of HB 2493 which imposes restrictions upon alternative health care providers because the bill fails to establish reasonable cause for need to impose oversight and license requirements. These practitioners have provided years of beneficial services to the citizens of Oregon without the overreaching regulation of government. Oregonians have a right to choose the type of health care they feel is right for them. Imposing regulation and restrictions will force many such practitioners to discontinue services, thus reducing access to care for hundreds of Oregonians who prefer their method of health care delivery. Having read the text of the bill, I see descriptions of regulations, but find it unclear about any rationale for imposing them. Unless there is documented and included examples of need and rationale for the bill, it fails to meet my criteria for support.