

March 14, 2025

Re: HB 3761 Art Therapy Insurance Reimbursement

To: Representative Willy Chotzen

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 3761, which supports art therapist licensure levels and insurance reimbursement. I work in a pediatric hospital setting, where I have had the pleasure of working with an art therapist to support the well-being of the patients we care for and their families and caretakers. Working together has shown me how beneficial art therapy can be as it provides a modality for therapeutic support from a competent, thoughtful, and creative mental health clinician. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who specializes in pediatrics, I have experienced that many young people do not benefit from traditional talk therapy as much as they do from the expressive, experiential, creative work that art therapy provides.

It is my hope that you will see the importance of HB3761, which promotes licensure and payment on par with other master's level behavioral health providers. Your support will reduce redundancy of work being completed by multiple licensing boards in Oregon and provide a path for reimbursement for services provided by art therapists. Both will lead to improved quality and access to care for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Ben Wilson, MSW, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Portland, Oregon