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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3761

Please pass HB3761 out of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care. HB3761 will reduce administrative costs for both practitioners and the state because it streamlines the licensure process to one licensing board. It also expands access to therapeutic mental health services for Medicaid recipients, by creating a pathway for reimbursement for services provided. HB3761 will align Oregon with other states that recognize art therapists as qualified mental health providers and will expand the workforce by integrating art therapists more fully into healthcare systems already in place. In turn, this will lead to more mental health providers for Oregonians to access behavioral health services.