

Hello:

I write in regard to the proposed legislation to regulate massage therapists. (Response to the questionnaire submitted by proponents of HF 1275 / SF 1074.)

There are several erroneous, misleading, and troubling statements in the questionnaire responses:

1. Section 1.b The “CenterPoint Shiatsu and Massage School” no longer exists.
<https://www.startribune.com/centerpoint-massage-school-in-st-louis-park-stops-enrolling-students/571130912/>

2. Section 2.b No response is given for either “why?” this legislation is proposed, or “how” the increased costs would affect entrants to the profession, or “who” would bear these costs.

3. Section 3.b There is no provision to monitor the resulting efficacy, or consequences, of this regulation.

4. Section 4 No specific “recognizable” harm is offered. I notice no citizen group claiming injury. A vague statement about “charges in the past ten years” says nothing about the number, scope, or outcome of any investigations. (And the one charge mentioned involved a school, not practitioners.)

If there is no recognizable harm, then no regulation is warranted.

5. Section 5 So many unsupported assertions . . . how will regulation increase the availability of care for clients? How will obtaining an expensive license “decrease barriers” for practitioners? Statewide licensure does not supersede local ordinances.

Finally, this legislation would result in great economic harm to the small, independent practitioners.

Thank you for your attention.
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