

Top 10 Reasons that passage of a safe harbor exemption bill serves the public interests

By passing this bill:

1. Legislators are following the **existing mandate** of RCW 18.120.010 (which establishes guidelines for not regulating unlicensed health professions); are further **clarifying** RCW 18.71.011, Definition of practice of medicine; and are adding an **exemption** to RCW 18.71.030, Exemptions.

2. Legislators are keeping state regulation at the **least restrictive level** because there is no hazard to the public health, safety, or welfare for the State to use its police power to mandate registration.

3. Legislators are **providing protection** of the public interest through stipulating limits in the form of prohibited conduct and required disclosures.

4. Legislators are allowing Washington citizens the **freedom of choice** to access all types of independent healthcare practitioners.

5. Legislators are respecting our **fundamental right** of maintaining our health in whatever way we choose.

6. Legislators are ensuring the ability of independent practitioners to freely follow their vocational callings and acquire training from the schools of their choice; and are allowing for the **development of innovations** in the healing arts.

7. Legislators are helping **heal Puget Sound waters** by allowing and promoting the use of nontoxic substances for healing.

8. Legislators are helping **promote cost-beneficial health care** because of the emphasis on preventative medical care and non-invasive techniques.

9. Legislators are **protecting and expanding the diversity** of health care choices for Washington citizens.

10. Legislators are on the forefront of **promoting the best possible health care** choices for Washington citizens, thus joining with the six states which have already passed a Safe Harbor Exemption Law: California, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, along with the 19 states who are working on passing similar legislation.

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