

04/06/2023

RE: Urgent Update - House Health and Human Services Committee [ask for Vote NO on HB 583.](#)

Between Thurs 04/06/2023 and Sunday 04/09/2023, please send email to everyone all contacts on the list below using the **BLUE text** with the subject line:

“Support Acupuncture Amendment – HB 583”

It’s not a secret that Florida has a primary care shortage. This state is currently short about 6,000 doctors, and Florida is projected to be short 20,000 doctors by 2035!!!

Patients have to wait weeks or months for care and referrals, and the medical profession should be focused on finding answers to those problems, NOT blocking health care professions from using their training, expertise, and Professional titles.

Let’s try to meet people’s healthcare needs first, then we can fight over who gets to be called a doctor or specialty physician. Practitioners working in their own offices who have earned and graduated with a doctoral degree or Ph.D. , should not be smothered, and told they can’t use or advertise their professional title....that’s what HB 583 does to acupuncturists small business practices.

HB 583 completely disrupts the way acupuncturists have been practicing in Florida for nearly 40 years, and these changes don’t solve a problem....it only makes small businesses struggle harder and the healthcare provider shortage issue worse.

PLEASE VOTE – NO – on HB 583 – or consider discussing a friendly amendment for acupuncturists. .

Thank you for your time today...

On Monday 04/10/2023 start dialing the numbers provided in the chart BELOW: Ask to speak to Rep XXXXXXXXXXX. if they are not available – Ask for “Legislative Aid for Healthcare Policy” if that person is not available: please be kind with the secretary – they are getting a massive number of messages on this issue...if NO ONE is available to speak to you – ASK, “May I have the health policy staffers email....then send EMAIL of copy in BLUE below -If you get a staff person to or the Representative on the phone READ the GREEN then the BLUE or send email.

Hello – I am calling because Representative XXXXXXXX in on the House Health & Human Services Committee and HB 583 may be considered soon. I'm calling on representative XXXXX to visit with the bill sponsor Dr Massullo, to discuss adding an amendment for Acupuncturists....

Hopefully they give you 1 minute – Just read the section in BLUE above...If they say they are busyjust ask, “Can I email my comments to you?” Then copy the BLUE text above and email to Staffer.

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This is the FULL House HHS COMMITTEE contact list BELOW – Every NO vote matters, please contact (email – call EVERYONE)...**Please share any feedback about your interaction with the Rep’s or Staff. This is valuable info that helps FSOMA follow-up with question and spot problems with our messaging. Email david@fsoma.org so I can see your comments...Many thanks to all supporting AOM in FL...**

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