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Submitted to the Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures  
For HB 3579

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I am opposed to HB3579 as this is punishing a Massage establishment that has not been convicted of a crime in court. Suspicion of crime is not punishable by law.

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I am opposed to HB3579. This bill calls for an emergency order to halt a business operation if a Massage Establishment is being investigated or the department has reasonable cause to believe an offense has been committed. Who determines reasonable cause? In this country people are innocent until proven guilty. Just being under suspicion of conduct is not a high enough bar to remove constitutional rights. I have been in the Massage industry for over 24 years and am a school and clinic owner and the potential effects of this bill are chilling. First TDLR would not have the authority to intervene unless the business is licensed in the first place. In my years of experience most places that are practicing prostitution and human trafficking are not licensed by TDLR and are instead criminal enterprises which do not fall in TDLR's purview in the first place. Secondly this is an attempt to use our law to prevent crime which over the last 25 years has been tried repeatedly and has failed in most cases since for the most part the illicit businesses are not practicing massage but criminal activity in the first place. We have hundreds of rules to follow in the massage industry and dozens of them are directed expressly to prevent illicit practices. This bill won't protect the public and will just potentially subject legal businesses to harsh treatment without due process.