

Please Support SSB 5848

Licensure of Music Therapists



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Protect Consumers from Harm

Music therapists work with vulnerable populations and music is a powerful therapy tool. When administered incorrectly, music can cause hearing loss, neurologic dysregulation, and overstimulation.



Increase Equitable Access

Without licensure, music therapy services are only available to residents who can pay out-of-pocket. Many reimbursement programs require licensure before providing coverage for medically necessary services.



Ensure a High Standard of Care

SB 5848 will recognize the national clinical and educational requirements for music therapists. Licensure will not prohibit other professionals from using music in their practice.

Thank you for your support of SSB 5848

Questions? Email WAmusictherapyTF@gmail.com

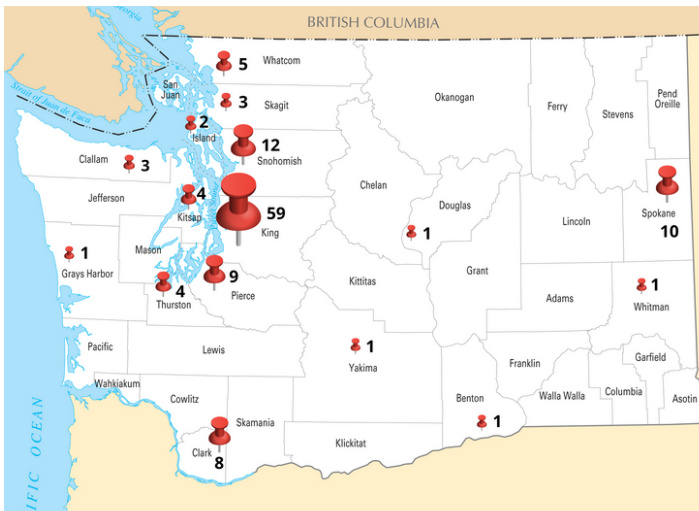
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COVID-19 Impact

During the 2020 pandemic shutdown, over half of music therapists in Washington were considered essential workers. Music therapy services have been provided in teletherapy formats and have continued to effectively address needs in the community.

Music Therapists in WA

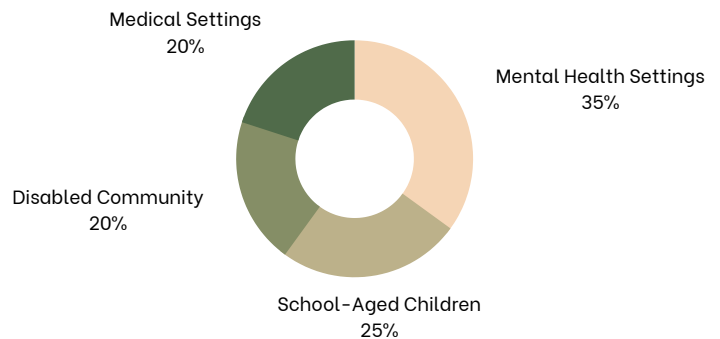


Cost of Licensure

SB 5848 is expected to be cost-neutral as defined in the bill.

Music Therapy Settings

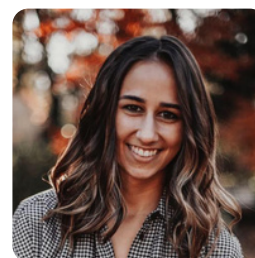
Music therapists in WA serve over 5,500 residents per year in a variety of settings across the lifespan.



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