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Kristen Will Amend Colorado School of Healing Arts	<p>I want to speak on Administrative Recommendation 2 on page 30 of the report. (Copied below). As the Director of Education of the Colorado School of Healing Arts (Massage Therapy school) in Lakewood CO, we prepare students to take the MBLEx (Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam) which is the exam required for licensure in Colorado and in most states. First, I want to correct the report and clarify that the MBLEx is provided in both English and Spanish in Colorado. Most of our students take the exam in English and a few have taken it in Spanish. The MBLEx is accepted and required in most states around the U.S. Our students rely on being able to take the MBLEx and to be able to move to another state that accepts the MBLEx without the cost and time of taking a new test. I strongly encourage keeping the MBLEx as a state test and have not experience the need for the test to be in another language other than English and Spanish.</p> <p>Thanks, Kris Will (Licensed Massage Therapist and Director of Education.</p> <p>Administrative Recommendation 2 – The Director should work with the current examination administrator to explore the possibility of expanding examination offerings to languages other than English. The MBLEx is an examination approved by the Director and is currently the most utilized examination for the purposes of massage therapy licensure in Colorado. The examination is developed and administered by FSMTB, of which the Colorado Office of Massage Therapy Licensure (Program) is a member. Although Spanish testing options are available in some areas such as Puerto Rico, the MBLEx is not available in any language other than English for Colorado massage therapy applicants...</p>