

Statement: SB 772
To: The Senate Committee on Healthcare
From: Mindy Cope, Supporter of Medical Freedoms and the Right to Choose
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Please vote YES on SB 772. Proponents of the bill say it will require individual and group health insurance policies to reimburse services provided by naturopathic physicians within scope of their practice if services are reimbursed when provided by licensed physicians.

I feel it is important to take into consideration all means of healing; this includes naturopathic means as well. Often times when a Western medical approach is taken it sometimes leaves out important natural remedies that look at the body in a more holistic way. Some people may be skeptical of natural remedies but there have been many amazing developments and real life examples that have been documented regarding its success with healing and bringing the body back into balance when other methods would not work. I think with the addition of naturopathic practices paired with the advances of modern Westernized medicines, we can be much more successful at healing our bodies in every aspect.

If passed, this bill will help give more recognition to naturopathic physicians and may help heal people that have tried every avenue of a Western approach with no success. The reason this bill is important to me is because a few years ago, I struggled with a very concerning health issue. My Western physician put me through a number of invasive processes to try and solve my health ailment, but to no avail. I was left discouraged and depressed and came to terms that this would be my life in dealing with this ailment-potentially progressing into cancer. I researched into alternative health care means; a naturopath, since I had nothing to lose. She met with me and informed me of what was going on with my body and put me on a natural regimen. In one year, all my tests came back clear. I have not had any problems since. Through this learning process, I am an advocate of naturopaths. I believe everyone has a freedom of medical choice and believe that this bill would support this reimbursement service for naturopathic physicians.

Please support this and vote Yes on SB 772