

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

I am in support of SB772. As a patient, Naturopaths have saved my life and added immensely to my quality of life.

In 2010, I had been through years of angular cheilitis, where the edges of my lips were painfully cracking open. Allopaths had given me steroids to lessen it, but to no real change. Due to being rejected for health care insurance by 3 companies because of a nasal polyp, I found that NUNM offered affordable sessions with a student. The first moment the ND saw me, she said, "We need to test your poop". No allopathic doctor had suggested finding the root cause, only to cover it up. It turned out that I had Cryptosporidium for years, and with the Naturopathic plan, it was retested and gone within three months when we retested. Then the gut healing began, which they lovingly walked me through for years. I felt heard and seen in my chronic health crisis. No allopath had ever given me such generous and thoughtful bedside manner. I used to dislike doctors and avoided them. Now I get regular check ups and preventative care. I also have become a big fan of Acupuncture, and wish that this bill included their medicine as well.

Please support Naturopaths with this imperative bill. They have large expenses from school and as much of a value to society as allopaths. Support fair pay for ND's.

Best Regards,  
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