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Testimony on SB 5521 and SB5525

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My name is Kevin Wilson. I have been a naturopathic physician for nearly 40 years. I served on the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners which is now known as the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine(OBNM) in the late 1980's. The OBNM has fought to remain autonomous and independent several times over the decades that I have been involved with the profession. Each time, the OBNM has proven that it can and should remain the sole regulatory of the Naturopathic profession. I am in favor of SB5521 and Sb5525.

I have represented the Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians in Salem in many positions, and volunteered for several boards and commissions again doing my best to represent the naturopathic profession and contribute to the greater good. In addition to being a OBNM Member, I served as Chair for the Formulary Council for the OBNM for over 12 years, I have privileged to see the inner workings of the OBNM through several State administrations and several OBNM configurations. I have only seen people working hard to benefit the State and the populace of Oregon. This takes an agile board, familiar with its own characteristics and philosophy, without the unwarranted, unnecessary and inappropriate oversight by another profession or regulatory agency of a different practical orientation.

The OBNM has proven cost effective, efficient and self improving. Maintaining its own independent funding is essential, especially as the profession continues to grow.

Thank you for your time and work.