

Dear Rep. Prusak,

I am writing to you as Chair of the House Health Care Committee, and I would appreciate it if you would direct this statement to the written record for HB 2673.

My naturopathic doctor in Portland has been a very important health care provider for me, even after I moved to Ashland two years ago. We communicate electronically, and I usually make an appointment to see her when I'm in Portland. I credit her with the fact that I am such a healthy octogenarian!

Unfortunately, naturopathic providers are not reimbursed at the same level as other providers, such as physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, medical doctors, and doctors of osteopathy. Not only is it a matter of fairness, but it's better for their patients if they're not having to struggle financially.

It is my understanding that HB 2673 would require insurance companies to reimburse naturopathic doctors fairly. I would like to show my support for that bill, as I am sure that other patients of naturopathic physicians would feel the same. These doctors know how to treat the whole person, and because of that their services actually save financial resources as well as individuals' health.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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