

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Melissa Small** and I am a **Physician Assistant** and your constituent. I would like to share my experience(s) working with an ND as a medical provider and colleague and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many naturopathic doctors in my career and have always found them to be competent, professional and focused on the welfare of their patients. They take the time to educate their patients and make sure they truly understand how to make the necessary changes in their health and routine in order to improve their situation.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. This makes it more difficult for my patients to access this unique and essential level of care and limits my choices when it comes to referrals within the healthcare system.

Right now our communities need more healthcare services not less. Providing NDs with equal pay will give more people across the state of Oregon access to naturopathic care and expand the referral network to this care for providers like me.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

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