



House Committee on Health Care

HB 4132

Chair Prusak, Vice-Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of HB4132 with the -1 amendment.

This bill would provide certain providers a scheduled meeting with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to discuss insurance limitations and concerns regarding coverage for patient care.

Naturopathic offices are more likely than other kinds of healthcare offices to be small, independently owned clinics. This means that naturopathic offices frequently do not have access to the billing staff available to large systems, making a regular call with the Department of Consumer and Business Services a valuable tool for OANP members. Additionally, our members feel that the study language in Section 2 of the bill will be a helpful tool for future legislatures and agencies alike in determining trends and need.

This bill does not mandate that insurance plans add additional coverage or services, nor does it allow for a change in scope of practice for any providers.

HB4132-1 simply provides a framework for independent providers to work with DCBS on problem solving so Oregonians can have proper access to care and limit potential barriers to care.

Thank you for your consideration and we respectfully ask the committee to adopt the -1 amendment and pass HB4132.

Sincerely,

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