

House Bill 3259

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to study impact of naturopathic physicians on health care outcomes and industry in this state. Requires board to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health care.

Sunsets January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to naturopathic physicians; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine shall study the impact of naturopathic physicians on patient health care outcomes and the health care industry in this state. The board shall focus on the following:

(a) The locations of naturopathic physicians;

(b) The impact of naturopathic physicians on patient health and wellness outcomes;

(c) Methods used to address the health care needs of residents in medically underserved areas; and

(d) How and where naturopathic physicians could be utilized to have a greater impact on health and wellness outcomes in this state.

(2) The board shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, including findings and any recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care no later than December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.