

Dear House Behavioral Health & Health Care Committee,

My name is Marla Murdock and I am a patient of a licensed Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I am strongly urging you to support HB 2555.

This bill will reflect the positive experience I have had with my ND, ensuring all Naturopathic Doctors in Oregon be compensated at the same level as other providers.

I especially value the time my ND spends educating me on my health and how best to manage my concerns through nutrition, staying active, overcoming stress and improving my sleep.

This valuable type of preventive medicine will save our state, and nation, millions of health care dollars, both now and in the future.

Currently, Naturopathic Doctors are not being fairly compensated for the care they give and for the important role they play in our state's healthcare workforce.

Naturopathic doctors are paid about half of what all other provider types (MDs, DOs, NPs and PAs) are paid for the exact same codes and services.

This imbalance puts my doctor on unstable financial ground, and puts my access to the provider of my house in jeopardy.

Naturopathic doctors are being forced to drop insurance plans just to remain financially viable.

It is essential that I be able to utilize my health insurance to see my doctor.

No one should be forced to purchase health insurance AND pay out of pocket for the quality of health care one chooses.

I need my ND to stay in network with my insurance and remain in business!

Please vote yes on HB2555 and ensure patient access to licensed Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

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