

HB 3042 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure clarifies the reasons for which the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) may impose discipline. It also allows the Board to require a person under investigation to undergo a mental, physical, chemical dependency, or competency evaluation if the board has objectively reasonable grounds to believe that the person is or may be unable to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Age of statutory language relating to licensee discipline.
- Standards used by Board in disciplinary matters.
- Increasing prevalence of misleading advertising.
- Level of discretion given to Board to define evaluation requirements via rulemaking.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- Clarifies activities permitting Board to deny, suspend, or revoke a license or impose other discipline.
- Removes provisions authorizing Board to require a person to undergo a mental, physical, chemical dependency, or competency evaluation.

-1 **FISCAL:** *Has minimal fiscal impact*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon was the first state to establish a board that had the power to license and regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic medical education curricula includes the same biomedical and diagnostic sciences as medical doctors (MDs) and osteopathic doctors (DOs) while also including training in additional areas such as clinical nutrition, acupuncture, homeopathic medicine, botanical medicine, physical medicine, and counseling. Naturopathic physicians in Oregon have a broad scope of practice that includes medication prescription, minor surgery, natural childbirth, and administration of injectable therapies. Currently, there are 1,200 active naturopathic licensees in Oregon.

House Bill 3042 clarifies disciplinary authorities of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine.