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I have used Naturopathic doctors as well as allopathic for over 40 years. The ND's have helped me for issues that allopathic doctors find minor, or for which they have no solutions other than drugs (as opposed to supplements which help and have far fewer side effects).

I am urging support of HB3439 to allow Naturopaths to be compensated on an equal footing with NP's, PA's, DO's and other non-MD's when they provide essentially the same service.

It is hard to find a PCP who is not booked out 3 months or more; and they spend very little time with each client.

I have found my naturopaths to be well educated, up-to-date and competent in their practice, as well as a bit more holistic in their approach to each individual.

Sincerely, Elaine Ruys, Beaverton, Oregon