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Chair Representative Rob Nosse
House Health Care Committee
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RE: Opposed to HB 3042 and Proposed Amendment

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

As a practicing naturopathic doctor, I am opposed to HB 3042 as currently written. While I fully support efforts to maintain high ethical standards and protect public health, I am concerned that this bill may unintentionally limit the ability of naturopathic physicians to practice the full scope of their medicine.

Particularly, the provision on Page 2, Line 24, which states that naturopathic physicians may face disciplinary action for “making statements that the licensee knows, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, are false or misleading regarding the licensee’s skill or the efficacy or value of a medicine, remedy or treatment,” raises significant concerns.

The evolving nature of medical research, combined with the integrative and patient-centered approach of naturopathic medicine, means that certain treatments may not yet have the same level of large-scale clinical trials as conventional pharmaceuticals. However, many such treatments have strong historical, empirical, and emerging scientific support.

The lack of clarity in defining what constitutes a “misleading” statement could create an environment where innovative and emerging naturopathic therapies are unduly scrutinized or restricted. This could discourage naturopathic physicians from offering novel and integrative treatment options that many patients seek, ultimately limiting access to diverse healthcare choices.

To address this concern, I respectfully propose the following amendment to the language on Page 2, Line 24: *“Making statements that the licensee knows, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, are intentionally false or fraudulent regarding the licensee’s skill or the efficacy or value of a medicine, remedy, or treatment, as evaluated within the scope of naturopathic medical standards and the principles of the profession of naturopathic medicine.”*

This revision ensures that disciplinary action targets only deliberate deception while preserving the ability of naturopathic physicians to offer treatments based on the principles and scope of their profession.

I urge the committee to consider refining this language to ensure that naturopathic physicians are evaluated based on standards appropriate to their profession and that patients retain access to the full range of naturopathic care.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and offer insights on how we can maintain both patient safety and medical innovation in Oregon.
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