

Submitter: Erin Fix
On Behalf Of: OANP
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3439

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Re: HB3439 , Vote YES to Support Fair Pay for NDs

Dear House Health Care Committee,

My name is Dr. Erin Fix and I am a naturopathic doctor (ND). I would like to share my experience working in Oregon as a licensed ND and ask you to please support HB 3439.

I work in Canby and Salem as a primary care provider. This includes managing healthcare needs such as wellness exams, acute care, lab and imaging orders, preventative screenings, and prescriptions. I make referrals to other providers and specialists when appropriate, working as an integral part of my patient's healthcare team. In addition, I educate my patients on nutrition, exercise, stress management and sleep quality, empowering them to be proactive in their health. This unique approach helps to prevent illness and reduce the need for higher level (and cost) interventions. In this time of rising healthcare costs and growing provider shortages, I urge you to vote yes to HB 3439 and ensure better patient access to hard working primary care providers.

Too many of our patients pay out of pocket to receive care at our clinic despite having health insurance--this needs to change! By ensuring pay equality for naturopathic doctors, we can expand patient access to care in our communities and ensure patients have the right to choose their doctor. We are here - licensed primary care doctors, working hard to serve our patients and communities. Please helps us to survive and continue to do so by finally passing HB 3439.

Sincerely,
Dr. Erin Fix
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