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Committee:	House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3439

I urge you to pass HB3439 out of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care. There is currently a shortage of primary care physicians in Oregon and naturopaths are key primary health care physicians. However, given the lower reimbursement rates, naturopathic clinics are closing or forced to lay off staff and individual ND practitioners are forced to reduce their hours and pick up better paying work.

HB3439 requires that insurance companies pay naturopathic doctors fairly. Currently, NDs are reimbursed on average at half the rate of PAs, NPs, Dos and MDs for the same services. HB3439 has a minuscule fiscal impact on the OHA biennial budget but has a profound positive impact on patient care for Oregonians. The benefits of passing HB3439 substantially outweigh the costs. Please vote "YES" on HB3439 at its upcoming hearing .