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Patient advocates OANP urge you to pass HB3439. For the amount of patients now choosing to seek primary care with naturopath physicians, it is important that their services be compensated in line with all other PCP providers. To allow equal compensation for ND's in order to promote established care in a safe and effective environment, utilizing qualified support staff, a comfortable setting, appropriate medical equipment and equal care practices to any other PCP providers would allow these providers to enhance their practices equal the their PCP counterparts. It has been increasingly difficult in today's culture to obtain care from any PCP in several areas. Patients are reaching out to ND's for their availability, prompt action and immediate care when they are in need the most. In order for ND's to provide care equal to their counterparts, passing HB3439 is necessary to ensure an equal patient experience for availability and care through equal insurance compensation. Please vote yes on HB3439.