

In Support of HB3439

Dear Chair Nosse, and Representatives Goodwin, Nelson, Bowman and Conrad,

I urge you to vote in support of HB3439 because doing so allows Oregon's teachers and public employees to continue to see their naturopathic primary care providers. Of course, it also means that those NDs will continue to see all the thousands of other patients they see in Oregon, which supports the Triple Aim of the National Institutes of Health, to provide better health care at lower cost to more US citizens.

As a former member of Oregon's Medicaid Advisory Board, I watched legislators, private corporations, and the public struggle with how to best allocate Federal and State dollars to the people of Oregon to improve healthcare outcomes. This was not an easy task, and it hasn't gotten any easier of late. Voting in favor of HB3439 retains a significant cohort of Oregon's health care work-force members by paying them equitably for the work they already do, and it encourages them to continue doing it. Now is not the time to impede access to healthcare.

Thank you for all you do to support our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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