

# ND Fair Pay Will Go a Long Way



*After the unfortunate closure of her Scappoose clinic, Dr. Rebecca Principe fights for pay parity for NDs.*

## Oregon

- **Needs primary care and behavioral health providers**
- **Invests more than \$100 million in provider incentives for patient access to care**
- **PEBB/OEBB pays naturopathic physicians half of what other comparable providers receive for same services**

Many clinics of naturopathic physicians (NDs) are small businesses that struggle to serve their patients because health insurers - including PEBB and OEBB - pay NDs as little as half, some insurers even less, for the same services. These predatory practices force doctors like Dr. Principe to close their practice - even while Oregon spends over \$50 million/year trying to address its shortage of healthcare workers. When insurance inequity closes a clinic, patients lose their trusted provider. Oregon loses a small business, and healthcare access for Oregonians is reduced.

HB 3439 provides NDs fair pay from insurers. Patients maintain access to 1,200 licensed Oregon doctors. Small businesses can stay open. And large clinics dependent on insurance payments can safely hire NDs into open jobs. **Support maximizing Oregon's healthcare workforce. Support small businesses. Support patient choice.**

## YES on HB 3439!

### Fair pay



Protects patient choice for all Oregonians



Supports culturally competent healthcare



Increases patient access to care in rural and underserved populations



Resolves a long standing health care inequity



Encourages employers to hire naturopathic physicians



Bolsters Oregon small businesses and jobs



Sustains 1,200 doctors already trained and licensed

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