

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Place on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Maurer
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Meeting Dates:	5/1 (Policy sub), 5/8 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Board of Naturopathic Examiners to place voluntary limitations on the license of a naturopathic practitioner, as requested by an applicant or licensee. Prohibits board from issuing a limited license to licensees under investigation or on probation, or whose license is under suspension. Exempts certain naturopathic physicians licensed in other jurisdictions from licensure requirements under certain conditions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need to allow visiting naturopathic physicians to teach in Oregon
- Overview of voluntary limited licenses
- Current limitations of voluntary limited licenses
- Review of scenarios where a limited license could be issued

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Naturopathic Examiners (BNE) is empowered to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. The board is authorized by law to examine, register, and license naturopathic physicians, and enforces compliance with the naturopathic statute through administrative procedures, continuing education, discipline of licenses, and court actions. Under current statute, the only way the BNE can place a limitation on licensure is through disciplinary action. SB 208-A allows the board to place limits on a license without formal disciplinary action, in cases where a licensee requests a limitation on their practice.

SB 208-A also allows naturopathic physicians who are licensed in and actively engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine in other jurisdictions to work in Oregon for specific educational events for 15 days or less each calendar year.