

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/4

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Limited license policies of other health professional boards
- Example of limited licenses that could be issued
- Need for temporary licensure for educators from other jurisdiction
- Concern that persons could use limited license to avoid disciplinary action

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (BNE) from issuing a limited license to licensees under investigation by BNE, on probation, or whose license is under suspension.

BACKGROUND: The State Board of Naturopathic Examiners (BNE) is empowered to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. BNE is authorized by law to examine, register, and license naturopathic physicians. BNE 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. Senate Bill 208 A would allow BNE 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 other jurisdictions and actively engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine in that jurisdiction, to work in Oregon for specific educational events for 15 days or less each calendar year.