74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 209

CARRIER:

Sen. Monnes Anderson

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

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Exc.: George G.

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Meeting Dates: 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies educational requirements for two members of the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Limited number of pharmacologists and pharmacognosists

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary determines which substances may be prescribed by naturopathic physicians licensed by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners (BNE). Currently, two members of the council are required to hold an advanced degree in either pharmacology or pharmacognosy. There are very few people who hold advanced degrees in either of these fields, making it difficult for the council to fill positions and do business. Senate Bill 209 modifies this requirement and allows the board to appoint members with an advanced degree in any medical or pharmaceutical science.