

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/6, 5/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits Council on Naturopathic Physicians to determine inclusionary drug formulary. Deletes reference to the treatment of animals by naturopathic physicians. Applies only to drugs prescribed or administered on or after January 1, 2010. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Procedure for scope of practice review
- Required training of naturopathic physicians
- Natural versus synthetic medications
- Naturopathic physicians in rural areas
- Naturopathic medicine becoming mainstream

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current law, naturopathic physicians are allowed to prescribe naturally-derived medications as approved by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners' Formulary Council. As a result, naturopathic physicians prescribe medications from all classes of drugs, but cannot prescribe any medications that are synthetically derived. Senate Bill 327A allows naturopathic physicians the ability to prescribe medications regardless of their molecular structure.

The Naturopathic Physicians Formulary was established by the Legislative Assembly 20 years ago. The present council membership is comprised of pharmacists, pharmacologists, a medical doctor and two naturopathic physicians who decide what drugs to include, based on natural structure, in the naturopathic formulary. Currently over 1,000 drugs from every major therapeutic category are included in the formulary.

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners has had regulatory authority over the practice of naturopathic medicine since 1927. Naturopathic physicians have had prescribing authority in statute since 1953, when minor surgery was defined in ORS 685.010. Naturopathic physicians are required to take 72 hours of pharmaceutical training as a part of their doctoral degree. Additionally, they must also have 1,500 hours of clinical training. Naturopathic physicians are required to take 25 hours of continuing education course work annually, five of which must be in pharmacology.