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## SB 109

House Health Care Committee

Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair  
Representative Jim Thompson, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

Re: SB109

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

As the Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, I am asking for your support of SB 109.

SB 109 will authorize designees of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to issue subpoenas for the purpose of timely investigation of alleged violations of laws relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine.

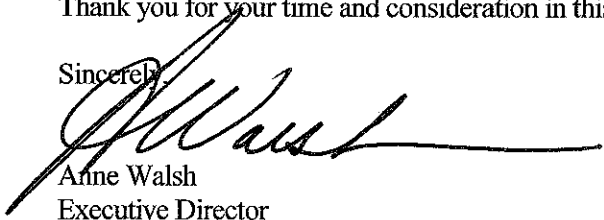
The Board of Naturopathic Medicine investigates all concerns and complaints that come to the agency's attention. In its mission to protect the public, the Board may require written testimony, patient records from a licensee, or other sources, such as a hospital and other health care providers, as part of the investigation. Currently a subpoena may be written by the Board's director or investigator; however, it can only be issued under the signature of the Board's chairperson.

By law, the Board must conduct timely investigations. If the issuance of a subpoena needs to wait on the signature of the Board's chairperson, there is the potential for delay in the investigation process. The ability to issue timely subpoenas is critical in the board's effort to conduct timely investigations.

The OBNM requests the authority in statute to authorize designees of the Board to issue subpoenas as part of the investigation process.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Anne Walsh  
Executive Director

