

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to require person disciplined by board to pay reasonable costs of disciplinary hearing. Modifies language related to prohibited acts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current contested case hearing expense
- Fees fund Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
- Review of continued increase in complaints
- Concerns associated with “loser pays”
- Current practice for other licensing boards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM) was established by the 1927 Legislature and is empowered to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. The OBNM operates from fees collected from the licensees. The OBNM states that as the profession grows and the number of consumers of naturopathic medicine increases, the complaints and investigations increase as well. Additionally, OBNM states that with the increase of complaints, contested case hearings are being requested more often, making it difficult for the OBNM to budget accordingly.

Senate Bill 108 authorizes OBNM to require a person being disciplined by the Board to pay the reasonable costs of the disciplinary proceeding.