



# Oregon

## Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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House Committee on Health Care  
Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
Representative Rob Nosse, Vice Chair  
Representative Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

RE: SB 281

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee.

My name is Anne Walsh and I am the Executive Director of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

The amendment to SB 281 is being requested to assure new board members have the opportunity to serve two full terms. When a vacancy occurs on the Board, most often at the end of the second term, it can take several months to fill. Currently, the newly appointed member finishes out the term of the vacancy, which does not allow for a full term. In some instances a term can be shortened by 3, 6, 9 months or more if not filled immediately. It may not sound like a much of a problem, but it can take a full three years for a member to feel completely comfortable in their role as a Board member. Members can serve up to two 3- year terms.

The Board is composed of seven members: five Naturopathic physicians and two Public Members. I am happy to say we do not have any vacancies at this time, but will have a few coming up in June 2015.

In the Board's effort to look towards continuity of membership and participation we are requesting approval of SB 281.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Walsh".

Anne Walsh  
Executive Director