

March 30, 2021

Senate Committee on Health Care
Re: Senate Bill 772

We are transplanted Oregonians for the past several years. One of the special things we've discovered here is the availability of naturopathic physicians, including those w advanced education and training to become specialists, such as in cancer care.

I am fortunate to have found such a specialist recommended by my oncologist. She has been integral to the efficacy of two lines of therapy as well as helpful in managing side effects. I am concerned however that because insurance coverage is not on parity with other treatment options, many people do not have the resources to pay out of pocket for her excellent extensive care and the useful medicines she prescribes.

From discussions w other patients naturopathic physicians in general have a fine reputation in their approach to patient care. Their knowledge of mainstream allopathic medicine gives them unique perspective and experience in developing treatment plans that integrate the two approaches to health and healing.

Oregon can be proud for being a leader in various health care arenas. Your consideration and support for SB 772 is much appreciated.

Sincerely, CF Gray