

I am asking you to vote YES on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. NDs contribute to the primary care of thousands of Oregonians, and are the model of a primary care provider focused on chronic disease prevention through lifestyle counseling and risk reduction. Unfortunately, NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in Oregon. This makes it more difficult for NDs to stay in practice and deliver this essential and unique level of care. It also places them at a great economic disadvantage to their healthcare peers, making it difficult to repay student loans, raise their families, and give back to the community. These limitations directly affect the economic contributions NDs can make, directly and through their patients' health, to the economic viability of OR. Alongside this, it limits access to healthcare and choice of healthcare for many individuals and families in the community. Thank you for your consideration.