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To: Senate Committee on Health Care; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 772]...Naturopathic Doctors are not equivalent to Medical Doctors.

How can anyone compare and equate [ORS 677.010] with [ORS 685.010]?

Here is a hypothetical for your consideration;

"In an accredited Hospital by the, "Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization [JCAHO]" Emergency Room there is an Oregon Board Licensed Medical Doctor (M.D.) and a Naturopathic Medical Doctor (N.D.) present.

In an instant, the Oregon Board Licensed Medical Doctor (M.D.) becomes incapacitated and requires emergency diagnoses and medical treatment. Within a few minutes, an ambulance arrives with a patient in traumatic shock and is certain to "bleed-out" and die.

Is the Naturopathic Doctor (N.D.) trained and licensed to diagnose, triage and provide accurate diagnoses and dispense medical treatment to the aforementioned patients? Yes or No?"

I think not. Here is where you have to compare [ORS 677.010] with [ORS 685.010].

At this point, the "Hospital" will lose its [JCAHO] accreditation when [JCAHO] audits the Hospital because of a lack of "certified" Emergency Room physicians" on duty. Plus, there are now two dead people taking up space in the Emergency Room. Should N.D.s be paid the same as M.D.s? No.

*Out of my own curiosity, with reference to Naturopathic Medicine; do N.D.s practice Voodoo?

There is to this day conflicting opinions on what killed the Haitian Dictator Papa Doc Duvalier.

The vast majority of Haitians, say it was Voodoo that killed Papa Doc Duvalier in 1971 and not heart disease and diabetes as recorded by Medical Doctors at the time.

Should Voodoo be an integral aspect of the practice of Naturopathic Doctors; they might not be relying on "form letters" submitted as Testimony for [SB 772] to convince the Legislature to equate pay for their services with Oregon Board Licensed Medical Doctors.

If N.D.s don't prevail with [SB 772], they may be considering using Voodoo to convince the Legislature otherwise.

For a really good "gut-buster laugh" check out one of the form letters submitted as Testimony for [SB 772].

The "form letter" begins, "My name is (**Insert your name**)... but, the Naturopathic Doctor left the "**(Insert your name)**" as is in the form letter but, electronically signed the form letter with their name and then submitted the "Testimony" supporting [SB 772].

Respectfully submitted

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