

Dear Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education;

My name is Bridghid McMonagle, ND. I live in Clackamas County, and I practice naturopathic medicine in Clackamas County at Lake Oswego Health Center. I've been licensed by the state of Oregon since 2005.

I am asking that my board remain solely for ND's as it has been. This is important for sustainability of our profession.

The amount of time and effort required to pull that transition off also does not make sense. My profession can't help but perceive risk from this move given the history of what the profession has had to endure all these years since the first license was issued.

The state is looking for some small financial efficiency from this consolidation. Whatever that amount is cannot compare to the risks and uncertainties from pushing our licensing board down under that many layers of management.

Our licensing fees are adequate to continue to have our licensing board independent and without further supervision by unnecessary and hazardous layers of management that most likely know very little about what makes naturopathic medicine special, and important to maintain as a real and viable choice for how Oregonians choose to pursue their healthcare.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bridghid McMonagle
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