

I am writing in support of HB 2555, the pay parity bill now before the legislature.

Over the course of many years, I have been fortunate enough to receive excellent health care from several Naturopathic Doctors. These providers should be receiving equal pay for their services, on a par with MDs and other health care professionals. Especially in light of our current shortage of primary care providers, it is essential that Naturopaths receive fair compensation, in order to encourage persons to pursue this avenue of health care. As a senior citizen, I can attest personally to the difficulty of securing adequate primary care, therefore we need to provide substantial encouragement to all potential medical providers. Pay parity for NDs is but one piece of this effort to ensure that we Oregonians have unfettered access to primary health care services.

Sincerely,
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