

HB 3042 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure clarifies the reasons for which the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) may impose discipline. It also allows the Board to require a person under investigation to undergo a mental, physical, chemical dependency, or competency evaluation if the board has objectively reasonable grounds to believe that the person is or may be unable to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Age of statutory language relating to licensee discipline.
- Standards used by Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine in disciplinary matters.
- Increasing prevalence of misleading advertising.
- Level of discretion given to Board to define via rulemaking.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon was the first state to establish a board that had the power to license and regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians in Oregon have a broad scope of practice that includes medication prescription, minor surgery, natural childbirth, and administration of injectional therapies. Currently, there are 1200 active naturopathic licensees in Oregon.

House Bill 3042 clarifies disciplinary authorities of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine.