

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ____House Labor and Commerce Committee_ HB266: Practice of Naturopathy_ dated 022912.

Please accept the following as written testimony.

It is my understanding that the above bills deal with Naturopaths' ability to write prescriptions and that concerns me a great deal.

I know there are people that think those of us that use Naturopaths are a little 'out there' but the truth is, Naturopaths have been a tremendous help for my health as well as many others I know. I believe God has created things in nature that can heal us of certain ailments and I would much rather use those resources from nature when possible than to take medications that in the long run may hurt us.

I think trying to stop Naturopaths from prescribing services such as bone density tests, sonograms, etc. is another example of a group (doctors in this case) trying to monopolize. This makes me believe that some doctors are threatened by Naturopaths and are trying to make it hard for them to practice. It should not be this way; both should be able to provide the needed services to their patients. It should be us, the patients that choose which professional we seek out for certain services.

I encourage you to stand up for us, the patients that want to choose our own source of health care. Thank you for your time and for considering this issue.

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