

Short bios for invited presenters for 3/15/24 S/L&C hearing on SB 44

Bio sketch for
Dr. Timothy Birdsall, ND
Avante Medical Center, Anchorage

Dr. Tim Birdsall is a Naturopathic Doctor with over 3 decades of clinical experience working in a wide variety of clinical settings, including primary naturopathic care and hospital-based practice. He is the recipient of both the President's Award (2000) and Physician of the Year (2009) from the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians. In 2007, Dr. Birdsall was appointed to serve on the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He holds active licenses as a Naturopathic Doctor in Alaska, Washington, Arizona, and California, and currently practices at Avante Medical Center in Anchorage.

Bio sketch for
Dr. Carrie Baldwin-Sayre
National University of Natural Medicine

Dr. Carrie Baldwin-Sayre is the Director of Development at the National University of Natural Medicine (NUNM), and a 2004 graduate of that institution with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA. She completed 3 years of an accredited general medicine residency and practiced as a primary care physician in Portland, Oregon. She has been a member of 3 state advisory committees: Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program advisory committee; the Integrative Medicine Advisory Group, and the Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Standards Advisory Committee. She also participated as a member of the rules advisory committee for the Rural Health Loan Forgiveness program. She was a Board Member and President of the Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians from 2009-2019.

Bio sketch for
CLYDE B. JENSEN, PHD
Professor of Pharmacology

Clyde B. Jensen is a native of Rigby, Idaho and received his Ph.D. in physiology and pharmacology from the University of North Dakota in 1974. He has taught pharmacology to students of medicine and other health sciences since. At the age of 32 Dr Jensen became America's youngest medical school CEO when he was appointed President of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He has since become the only person to serve as president or senior executive at colleges of osteopathic medicine (3), allopathic medicine (2), naturopathic medicine (2), east Asian medicine (1) and chiropractic (1). He is regarded as the only person to have led conventional and complementary colleges of health sciences. When testifying at legislative and other health policy hearings, Dr Jensen often describes his awareness of the curricula in diverse healthcare professions. Dr Jensen is currently a professor of pharmacology and interprofessional education at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Bio sketch for
Dr. Rob Downey, MD
Seaworthy Functional Medicine, Anchorage

Dr. Rob Downey is a licensed Alaska physician and founder of the Seaworthy Functional Medicine practice at South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, Alaska. In his practice, Dr. Downey works closely with multiple health care professionals to provide functional primary care.

Bio sketch for
Christine Sagan, Family Nurse Practitioner
Vitae Integrative Medical Center, Anchorage

Christine Sagan, APRN, is a Family Nurse Practitioner who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Alaska Anchorage, gaining induction to the Sigma Theta Tau honors society in 2007. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Institute of Functional Medicine, and the Alaska Nurse Practitioners Association.

Bio sketch for
Dr. Natalie Wiggins, ND
Vitae Integrative Medical Center, Anchorage

Dr. Natalie Wiggins is a Naturopathic Doctor with over 18 years of clinical experience, compassionately leading patients to health through comprehensive individualized care. She is a general family primary care provider at Vitae Integrative Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska.