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I am expressing my support of naturopaths in the State of Alaska having a full scope of practice and prescribing rights.

I am grateful that we are able to have a choice in our health care providers.

I live in Homer, AK and value the care that is available here and wish to see it remain and improve with HB91.

Best regards

Joyce Turkington



Dear Representatives,

I support HB 91. Naturopaths are stripped of their authority in this state by not being able to write prescriptions. I was horrified to learn this when I first moved back to Alaska in 2008. In order for a naturopath to function, they must use a PA to prescribe for them, thereby charging patients TWICE for care. Both the Naturopaths and their patients are impacted by this unfair practice. In Washington state, where I come from, many people use N.D.s as their primary doctors. I would hope that Alaska can learn from Washington.

All the best,



Nicoli Bailey

Dear Sir,

My name is Morris Kamelgarn and I am writing in support of the above bill to allow naturapathic to practice in Alaska. I am not a resident, but when I was living in Juneau from 2010-11, I saw a naturapathic doctor and she was very helpful.

Morris Kamelgarn



To Whom It May Concern:

I support HB91 because Alaska' naturopathic doctors are capable, educated, and willing to help those in need in our community. Allowing them to perform minor in-office procedures like stitches, shots, and contraceptive placement would be well within their skill set and a benefit to Alaskans.

Personally I have benefited tremendously from the thoughtful and thorough care of an ND.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brittany Robbins, LAc, DACM



I fully support HB 91, I prefer to see naturopathic doctors or PA. I have witnessed with my husband's decline of health and service by both the U.S. Army hospitals and the VA all the drugs and medications that have been to prescribed him. These medications contain chemicals and have side effects which are then resolved with the prescription of more chemical medications. It is a vicious cycle. Once I spoke with the doctor at the VA and asked why can't he take this natural medication, he said sure. Believe me my husband was a different person. Allowing the naturopathic doctors to prescribe natural medications which are usually plant based without the chemicals is a right they must be given. Allowing them to complete simple procedures in their office should be authorized as well. They have taken almost if not the same or more training as a regular doctor and should be afforded the same rights.

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Robin (Rodriguez) Walthour



Honorable Commerce Committee Members:

Please support HB91 which provides Naturopaths full prescribing rights.

My family has been assisted greatly by access to naturopathic medicine because they repeatedly provided guidance on nutritional and supplements that have accomplished health goals for us that traditional providers have been unable to do.

Thank you  
Jeane Breinig  
Anchorage, AK







Good afternoon,

I support HB91 because I believe that naturopaths have played an important role in my family's health. This would include allowing us natural ways to get over sickness, much faster than the pharmaceutical alternatives. Also, I have learned a lot about what I am intolerant to as far as food is concerned.

Naturopaths are an important tool for the human body!!

Thank you,

Halie Rady  
Fairbanks Alaska



I support HB91 because my family uses a Naturopath as our first line of health care.

With an extended scope of practice, we would definitely use our practitioner more.

Currently, we use our naturopathic doctor for analyzing detailed clinical lab work, and all conditions that osteopaths, chiropractors, physical therapists, and massage therapists would treat. Finally, our naturopath provides all of our nutritional / dietary guidance.

My family and I live in Fairbanks Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this bill.

Charles Allen  
MAJ, US Army (retired)





I fully support a full scope of practice for naturopaths in Alaska.

Linda Baker  
10738 Horizon Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801



I am a patient of Megan Danz, ND in Palmer; she is the only doctor I have seen for several years. I support HB 91 so that she and other naturopaths can prescribe antibiotics or asthma inhalers or other medical interventions for which they are qualified.

For the many of us that have a naturopath as a primary care doctor, it would be much more comfortable, economic, and sensible to have them be able to provide these services, instead of requiring us to seek a second doctor, particularly when what we need is something very temporary.

Thank you for your consideration of the bill.

*Kendra Zamzow  
Chickaloon, AK*



Dear Alaska State Representatives,

I support HB91. My family has relied on naturopathic doctors in Alaska (both Palmer and Anchorage) throughout the 40 years I have lived here. My naturopathic doctor has been able to diagnose and treat us holistically (i.e. discovering the cause for illness or injury, rather than focusing only on the problematic symptoms), especially when dealing with complex and less obvious conditions. The outcomes have been exceptionally successful. I fully endorse naturopathic doctors being allowed to practice using the full scope of their training.

Sarah Bean

Arctic Organics



To Whom It May Concern:

I support HB91 because it would give our naturopaths a full scope of practice and allow them to provide minor in-office procedures such as stitches, shots, contraception placement, including prescribing rights, along with any and all other services they have been educated and trained to do.

Respectfully,


*Melanie Meyer*  
*Interior Designs, LLC*



Hello,

I am writing this because I support HB91. I believe naturopaths are very important in the scope of health practices, & should be given the same availability to cure patients as any other doctor. Thank you

Sincerely,  
Morgan H



I just wanted to voice my support for HB91 in granting full scope of practice to naturopaths in Alaska. My naturopath has been a critical part of my family's health for several years and my wife and I would love to see them able to prescribe medications and perform simple medical procedures as their education and training allows. Please allow my naturopath to take care of me and my family more fully!

Thank you,  
Sy Cloud






Dear members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,

Thank you for your service to the people of Alaska. I appreciate that HB 91 has been introduced and I urge you to support this bill, allowing Alaskan naturopaths the full scope of practice for which they have been trained.

Our family began visiting naturopathic doctors in Juneau in the 1990s when our children were young and, like many Southeast Alaskans, experienced multiple ear infections. We chose a naturopathic doctor because we wanted to explore treatments besides antibiotics; we'd learned repeated antibiotic treatment could result in resistance to certain medications. Naturopathic care was a good choice for us because we were able to avert several infections without these medications. Occasionally, we needed the "big guns" and our naturopath made the call to prescribe antibiotics. (At that time, naturopaths could prescribe.) It was very helpful that he was able to do so immediately, allowing our children to be treated right away.



Two decades later, when our children were off on their own, my husband and I needed treatment for our own unique conditions. We turned to naturopathic medicine because neither of us was experiencing improvement via traditional medicine. Our naturopath assisted us in setting up wellness-promoting lifestyle practices involving diet and exercise for my husband's Parkinson's Disease, and the use of prolotherapy to ease pain and help heal my arthritic hip. As a result of this doctor's assistance, my husband and two friends started the first Alaskan franchise of Rock Steady Boxing, a research-based therapy for Parkinson's Disease. The program now provides consistent relief from the symptoms of Parkinson's for 12-15 Juneau residents with Parkinson's Disease. In addition, I was able to postpone a total hip replacement for several years, partially due to prolotherapy. Unfortunately, our naturopath was unable to prescribe certain newly-approved treatments due to legislatively-imposed limitations on naturopathic practice.

The naturopaths who have assisted us over the years are skilled practitioners who attend frequent trainings to improve and update their skills. They have unique skill sets that complement, rather than displace, those of traditional doctors. Please recognize their proactive contributions to Alaskans' health by passing HB 91, restoring to these trained professionals the full scope medical of practice for which they are qualified.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Luann McVey  
Retired Teacher



Hello, I live in Eagle River and am emailing to express my view and support for SB 91 to allow the full scope of practice for naturopaths in Alaska. I feel they should be granted prescribing rights and the right to help patients with minor in-office procedures like stitches, shots, and contraception placement. My family has received great care from naturopaths, who have augmented their practices by also having us see an in-house nurse practitioner for prescriptions and minor procedures. Seeing one provider rather than two would consolidate our care.

Thank you,

Carla SlatonBarker

Dear Chairpersons Wool and LeDoux and fellow Committee Members,

I strongly support HB 91 which establishes a clear scope of practice for NDs that reflects their education, training, and efficacy for patient healing. I have lived in Fairbanks for over 15 years and find healthcare options here to be extremely limited. Two years ago I got incredibly ill, lost over 40 lbs and had debilitating pain due to reflux. I went to numerous internal medicine MDs in town, I even went to Mayo Clinic, and found no relief or answers for over a year. It was my naturopath who listened to me, tested me from an integrative approach and who eventually diagnosed me with an autoimmune disease that was the root cause of my illness. However, she could not work on prescribing hormones and other non controlled drugs, and I was forced to go back and forth between an MD and her making my healing longer and much more expensive. My naturopath is now my primary care physician, and as such should be able to perform the functions outlined in this bill. For a state with limited health providers, this bill is a necessity and will save Alaskans not just money but also pain and suffering.

Thank you for your time and your service to Alaska,

Amy Gallaway

Hello, I just wanted to send a letter letting you know I am in support of HB91! Natural path doctors have been huge for me in Alaska, especially recently, when every other doctor has not been able to help with some debilitating symptoms I was having I went to a natural path doctor and she was able to make my symptoms go away really quick through herbs and acupuncture.


In addition to that huge help, I also see my practitioner for everything, it's very frustrating that she cannot always prescribe something like an antibiotic if it's really necessary, she can diagnose but then I have to go spend more money and time for someone else to prescribe. It would be so much better if they could do that.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Danae Bee


I am in complete support for naturopaths in Alaska to have a full scope of practice. My Naturopath in Juneau Alaska has helped me Medically more than any other Other Doctor in Juneau . It is wonderful to have such a knowledgeable professional doctor that really cares about their patients and is willing to spend quality timeworn them.

Sincerely, Kayla Wyatt



I am a Fairbanks resident who benefits greatly from naturopathic medicine. I support HB91 because it is an efficient means for improving wellness and healthcare access for Alaskans. I am writing to ask members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee to recognize the full scope of training Naturopathic Doctors receive by granting them prescribing rights and allowing them to help patients with minor in-office procedures like stitches, shots, and contraception placement.

Thank you!  
Jennifer Reed



Hello, I support House bill 91. Naturpathic medicine is of great value to us all as we must learn more about these and more natural therapies. EDTA Chelation Therapy saved me from conventional surgery because of an 85% clogged artery and I will always be grateful. Also Ozone and UVBI are both wonderful treatments for cancer as well as IV Vit. C and others. Thanks, G. Gore, cancer survivor because of these types of treatments. I am now on my 3rd cancer book.

My primary care provider for the past 20 years is a naturopath and I believe my care would be enhanced by allowing her to practice using the full scope of her training. I support HB91 allowing the full scope of practice for naturopaths in Alaska. Joyce Sarles



I would like to ask you to please support this bill. I use naturopaths and would really like this to go thru.  
Thank you Carol Dunlap Austin

I support HB91, the bill ensuring Alaska's naturopaths have a full scope of practice, including prescribing rights.

I have always visited naturopathic doctors growing up. I believe they are highly educated professionals that need prescribing rights to fully help their patients.

I'd love to be able to visit one doctor to get all my needs met here in Fairbanks.


Thanks,  
Katie

I support HB91 because i would like to have my ND be able to prescribe the medicine i need and be able to help with minor in office procedures. it doesn't make sense (practically or financially) to have to see a different doctor to have those items taken care of. i prefer to see a ND and believe their care is excellent and would like to not have to see multiple doctors when my ND could take care of my needs.

i live in wasilla.

thank you.

Tanya scott



I support HB91 because as the brother and a patient of a NP Doctor I know that they have to go thru all the training of a traditional Doctor plus more. Therefore I believe it is wrong to limit the kinds of help they are allowed to provide patients. Charles Peep


I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for HB91, which would give my naturopathic physician the opportunity to better support my family's health by permitting him to practice within the scope of his education, training, and skill. I support HB91 because I have seen first hand the benefit that naturopathic physicians can affect on the health of my family and community. As an Alaskan, I feel strongly that we should have the right to choose our path to seeking safely administered health care and wellness. Naturopathic physicians are highly educated, accredited, and regulated health care providers, and as such Alaskans should be permitted access to the full scope of their quality care.

Thank you for your time and consideration in representing the health of my family and community.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Sayer  
Chugiak, Alaska

I want to thank Representative Jennifer Johnston for introducing HB91. As a long time patient of Dr. Torrey Smith, I wholeheartedly support this effort and hope the **House** moves this bill forward quickly.

Beverly Tallman  
Wasilla, Alaska



I completely support HB91 because I think naturopathic medicine is essential to providing healthcare to our citizens by treating acute and chronic conditions successfully, as well as preventative medicine to ensure future health.

Please do what you can to make sure this bill goes through.

Many thanks,

Paula Sumner  
Big Lake, AK



Members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

I support a full scope of practice for Naturopaths in Alaska. These people are a extremely positive resource for myself and my wife. The Naturopaths provide an important frontline support that otherwise would not be available to us.

Sincerely,

Larry and Barbara LaGrone





Hi,

I am a combat veteran from Iraq in 2006. I have a really tough, chronic back pain from trauma during that tour. I have only been seeing Dr. Young for acupuncture for about 4 months, but his treatment has made a positive and measureable difference in pain management as well as mobility. I just wanted to share that in your considerations of this bill. Many thanks

Kathy

Katherine R. Campbell

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Dan Young <eagledoc@naturalmedak.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 4:47 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB 91 - Support

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Honorable Representatives of Labor & Commerce,

I support HB 91 because it will enable me to better serve my patients by allowing me to use the therapeutic modalities that I am well trained in.

*In health,*

*Dr. Dan*

***Center for Natural Medicine, Inc.  
16844 Easy Street  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577***

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**From:** Steve Geddes <sgeddes884@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 6:25 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB 91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good afternoon. My name is Steve Geddes and my family and I have been seeing Dr. Young at the Center for Natural Medicine in Eagle River for over 10 years. I support a full scope of practice for naturopathic doctors in Alaska.

During that time Dr. Young has helped me with a variety of health-related issues—from minor illnesses to digestive disease that severely impacted my quality of life. It's within my struggle with digestive disease that I hope you will see how valuable it is that Alaskans have the choice to access the knowledge, skills, and competencies of a naturopathic doctor.

I struggled for years with stabbing pains in my gut that would stop me dead in my tracks several times a day. I saw various healthcare professionals prior to seeing Doctor Young for this ailment—Advanced Nurse Practitioners, MDs, and GI specialists; providers both in the Valley and in Anchorage. I underwent testing and expensive scoping procedures and ate lots of prescriptions medicine every day that didn't simply didn't help. I had no one left to turn to in the state of Alaska when I brought this problem to Dr. Young.

Dr. Young sat down with me and we discussed my history and symptoms and we spoke for about 2 hours (3 to 4 times as long as my previous consults with other health professionals, including specialists). Dr. Young recommended a course of treatment that ultimately cured all my digestive symptoms within a few months.

I am firmly confident in the knowledge, training, and skills of Dr. Young and his staff and based on my experience, think it completely reasonable that naturopathic doctors be allowed to perform the procedures included in the bill. In conclusion, I would just like to impress upon the committee how important having the choice to see a naturopathic doctor was to finding a resolution with my health condition and improving the quality of my life. Thank you.

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Best Regards,

Steve Geddes

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Anne Dawson <dawson@asdawson.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 8:00 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Cc:** aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** HB 91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I strongly support HB 91. The service and care from naturopath physicians is exceptional and I support a full scope of practice for them here in Alaska.

As an Anchorage resident for over 40 years, naturopathic physicians have provided care for all of three of my children's births and my care from childbearing years to present. They have always worked collaboratively with other medical practitioners by referring when a specialty is needed.

The holistic collaborative approach has created healthy support for my entire family including my husband's successful remission of cancer.

Please pass this bill to improve health care services in Alaska.

Thank you,

Anne Dawson

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Sherry Miller <cnminfo@naturalmedak.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I am in full support of HB91 - **"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."**

I work for the Center for Natural Medicine and have for nearly 6 years now and I have experienced first hand how naturopathic medicine and acupuncture treatments have changed the lives of our patients. Many come to us after an exhausting search to find compassion and understanding from medical professionals. Many come to find alternatives to pain medicine through acupuncture treatments and other forms of naturopathic medicine. It is my opinion that Naturopathic physicians be treated with the same respect as MD's and be allowed to practice medicine as others in the medical profession.

Thank you!

Sherry Miller, CMA  
The Center For Natural Medicine

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**From:** akyoungs@gci.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** I Support HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Committee Members,

I support HB91 on the grounds that it is beneficial to the health and well being of the people in this great state of Alaska. As a nurse I regularly come in contact with patients who seek to incorporate natural medications and modalities to prevent and treat their health issues. There are so many natural products and ideas that it is overwhelming to be able to understand what may or may not be helpful in creating and maintaining health. Naturopathic doctors have been rigorously trained to understand and administer many health promoting medications and tools. This is not information for which person can go to a regular MD for help, as very few are trained or understand natural medicine. Unfortunately, naturopathic doctors are currently not allowed to treat their patients with the full scope of the knowledge and training they have received.

I ask you as a committee to support Alaskans right to choose natural medicine in its full capacity to heal and create health by allowing this bill to be heard by all of the representatives of our state.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Young, RN, BSN, PCCN, CMC

Chugiak, Alaska

April 3, 2019

To: Alaska House Labor & Commerce Comm.

From: Wayne Aderhold (patient-consumer)

Re: HB-91 / Practice and Licensing of Naturopaths / YES !!

Co-Chairs LeDoux & Wool, and Members Fields, Hannan, Stutes, Revak, and Talerico:

This bill:

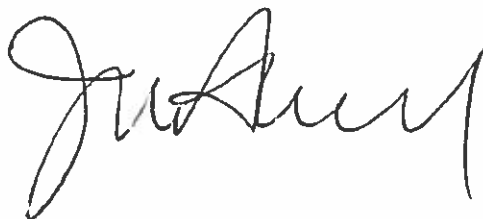
- Is (finally) a clear, concise and comprehensive re-write of the original (rushed) 1986 statute that has been long overdue (kudos to the Sponsor!)
- removes long-standing roadblocks to the proper practice of this profession in Alaska and promote responsible commerce and free-market principles (hopefully in time to prevent further loss of trained medical professionals to other States where the practice is reasonable governed)
- allows for the scope of practice to be rightfully determined by both a basic requirement (education and accreditation) and then expanded by additional training and experience (based on a practitioner's willingness to invest their time and resources toward advanced practice modes.

Please move this bill out of committee and into statute with all due haste – we've had years of unnecessary turmoil generated by unjustified "fear" (of competition) ... which has hurt consumer-patients (like me).

Sincerely,

Wayne Aderhold

353 Grubstake Ave., Homer, AK 99603

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Aderhold', written in a cursive style.

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** David Murphy <2thedude@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 11:13 AM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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To whom it may concern,

I want to state that I support HB91 because our doctors have helped our family in so many ways. They offer the care and support that we have not found in other places, by General Practitioners in the area. I received a number of different treatments for my neck and back in the last year that saved me. In short order, I was back to my normal day to day feeling better than expected, faster than I had expected.

Thank You,

Mr David Murphy  
Chugiak, AK



I am expressing my support of naturopaths in the State of Alaska having a full scope of practice and prescribing rights. I am grateful that we are able to have a choice in our health care providers. I live in Chugiak, AK and value the care that is available at The Center for Natural Medicine in Eagle River, AK and wish to see it remain and improve with HB91.

Best Regards,

Barb Hall

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Sandy Williams <srwilliams@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 2:34 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91 Juneau

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please support and recognize the full scope of practice for the Naturopaths here in Alaska. In Juneau I have gone to a Naturopath for 20 years and she has continued to help me toward better health. I would like my Naturopath to help their patients with minor in-office procedures, shots etc.. This will help insure our Naturopaths will stay in this great state of ALASKA, support our community members in many ways, and keep more money in Alaska.

Thanks Sandy R. Williams

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Alex <photosforalex@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:34 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Cc:** aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Support for HB91

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To the Members of The Alaska House Labor and Commerce Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge your support for House Bill 91. I support HB91 because it will recognize the full scope of the training of naturopathic doctors by granting them appropriate prescription rights and allowing them to serve their patients with minor in-office procedures such as stitches and injections.

Thank you,  
Alex Steelsmith  
Kailua, Hawaii

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Susan Bohart <scbohart@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:20 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I am writing to let you know that I support HB 91 because I greatly value the option to have naturopathic treatments.

Naturopathic doctors have been able to identify and successfully treat illnesses for me personally, that other medical professionals did not.

I value both the traditional and naturopathic medical options, please do not limit our options for natural health.

Thank you,

Susan Bohart

P O Box 10466

Fairbanks, AK 99710

907-457-4146

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** dodie caputo <dodiecaputo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Cc:** aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Hb91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I support full scope of practice for NDS in Fairbanks.  
Dodie Caputo

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Leslie Dirkes <leslie.dirkes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** Naturalpath

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Naturalpatic medicine has helped me with a lot of pain an disabilities i would not be getting better with out them Sent from my iPhone

4 April, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an orthopedic surgeon is acutely aware that we must cut the cost of medical care while maintaining the quality. Over the last 3 years, I have launched a program here in Alaska that tries to do this by optimizing patient care all through the process of going through total joint arthroplasty. First, patients must undergo adequate conservative treatment prior to scheduling and also optimize their medical condition.

If a patient that is overweight loses a significant amount of weight, much of their knee pain will decrease and they can continue being active without any significant risk. Also, the loss of weight will help with their diabetes and high blood pressure.

If patients fail non operative treatment, it is highly beneficial to get their body mass index, an indicator of obesity, to acceptable levels. With morbidly obese patients, they have up to forty times the complication rates of normal sized patients. This is true especially with hips. When placing the hip, surgeons have more difficulty placing implants in the correct position and adjusting the soft tissue tension. Wound complications

leading to infection are a disaster that can be avoided with weight loss.

For the benefit of your constituents, it is important to allow naturopathic primary care providers to participate in helping our patients optimize our health. I have had numerous patients sent over to Cameron O'Connell to manage obesity and she has excellent results. With her knowledge of healthy diet, she has worked diligently improve the well-being of my patients.

It would be helpful to allow them to have prescription rights to assist them in this worthy endeavor.

If you need medical care, I would highly recommend that you seek care at any naturopathic office. I have, and am very happy with my care.

Sincerely,

Doug A. Vermillion MD  
Orthopedic Surgeon.



## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Kimberly Ryan <birdybug@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 7:38 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce; aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** I support HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I support HB91! I live in Fairbanks and rarely consult medical doctors for my health care. naturopaths in Fairbanks have been able to help me with anything from curing acute infections without the use of antibiotics, to emotional support with homeopathy, to childhood ear infections and fevers from teething, to nutritional support. I am always helped by my naturopath and whatever can be done to allow them to practice under the full extent of their training in Alaska I am all for it!

Sincerely,  
Kim Ryan

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Rob Downey <44sprout@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 10:14 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Cc:** AKANP; erin@doryassociates.com  
**Subject:** HB91 Downey MD Support

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Legislators,

I wholeheartedly and without reservations support full scope of practice for Alaskan ND's.

I am a board certified family practice MD in Homer and am dual trained/certified in Functional Medicine, a close cousin to naturopathic medicine.

You will do a great service to Alaskans by empowering ND's to practice the full scope of their training. This will be safe, wise, well-received. The vitality of Alaskans will be more vibrant and healthcare dollars devoted to sickness will be saved.

Please do the right thing. It matters now more than ever.

Respectfully,

Rob Downey MD IFMCP

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**From:** Larry Colp <lcolp@ptialaska.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

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I support HB91 because Naturopathic Doctors have has extensive training such that they should have prescribing rights and allow patients to receive minor in-office procedures, at least.

I have used ND's myself and have found them to as competent as MD's for subjects I needed at the time.

Thank you for opening up the options for health care which also will lower its overall cost.

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**From:** Maryann Frazier <outlook\_ED800206BDCB8547@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB 91

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Dear State Representatives:

As a cancer survivor, I know what it takes to get well from overwhelming health obstacles. My Anchorage naturopath was a key member of my recovery efforts. However, my recovery would have been easier if my naturopath had prescription writing privileges.

I support a full scope of practice for naturopaths in Alaska.

Respectfully,  
Maryann Frazier  
Anchorage

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**From:** Jed Malan <jmalan@northstarradiology.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce; erin@doryassociates.com; aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** House Bill 91

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jedidiah Malan, MD and have lived and worked in Fairbanks, AK for 10 years as a radiologist in this community. I have extensively worked with all of the Naturopathic physicians in this community and have come to understand their scope of practice and understanding of medicine during that time based on hundreds of professional conversations over the years. I believe that Naturopathic physicians should be allowed to practice their scope of medicine to the fullest degree, including, performing minor office procedures and prescribing medications, if they have been appropriately trained to do so, which the vast majority of Naturopathic physicians have the training to do.

In my personal experience, I have not seen ND physicians practice beyond their capabilities. They are conscientious and very knowledgeable about all forms of medicine. They know their limitations and refer patients to the appropriate providers when needed. Granting them the right to perform minor office procedures and prescribe medications would help their patients and prevent unnecessary health care costs by having to refer their patients on to an MD or DO physician. I have my own radiology practice in Fairbanks and have accepted orders from naturopathic physicians for over 8 years and have no concerns about their ability to interpret my reports and treat the patients appropriately.

I urge the House to approve Bill 91 and grant naturopathic physicians the ability to perform minor office procedures and prescribe medications as they deem appropriate.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Jedidiah Malan, MD  
Medical Director, North Star Radiology (Fairbanks)

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**From:** Robin <robinbarrett@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 4:52 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** Naturopathic doctors

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It is a travesty that naturopathic doctors, who receive as much training as medical doctors, are not allowed a full scope of practice. This includes the writing of prescriptions.

My naturopath is a necessary adjunct to allopathic care. My family has used both naturopathic and allopathic doctors for many years. Frankly, I have found my naturopath to be more competent than many of the medical practitioners I have utilized for my family. Perhaps this is because the naturopath takes more time to listen.

The objection by the medical association is solely about money, not competence.

Please pass this bill.

Sent from my iPhone

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Carma Johnston <carmajohnston@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 5:01 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Cc:** aknaturopaths@gmail.com  
**Subject:** HB1

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Our family has been residents of Eagle River for 50+ years. One of the things we love about our town is our Natural-paths .

Dr. Daniel Young is an enteral part of our family's health . Please continue to support Natural paths in Alaska and especially our community. Thank you

Carma Johnston

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Kate Finn <hundredthmonk21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** PLEASE PASS HB 91

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Dear Legislators,

I am a Nurse Practitioner, working in Alaska since 1977. I have worked in Bethel, Dillingham, Barrow, Soldotna and now Homer, where i currently & happily make my home.

I use Naturopathy as my primary health care modality. Occasionally i will use and M.D. or an acupuncturist or a massage person, but mostly i prefer the comprehensive view of the human system with which Naturopaths view their clients. My experiences with my Naturopath have always been beneficial. Not only is the systemic view of health to my liking, but i also prefer, not only the herbal approach to acute issues, but also their focus on underlying dis-ease, needed to heal and sustain optimum health.

Naturopaths need the legislature of recognize the full scope of their training and grant Naturopaths the right to prescribe drugs as well as offer minor in-office procedures.

In short PLEASE PASS HB 91!

Thank You,

Kate Finn

POBox 3364 Homer, 99603



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**From:** Kylara Hollingsworth <joyoga@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** I support HB91

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have receive informed and quality care for my family though a Naturopath since I was a new mother. Naturopathic medicine is an integral part of our health care. With the passage of HB91 allowing Naturopaths can work to the scope of their training it would reduce our costs, of money and time, as a family. This is because there would be more consolidated care with less need to schedule and travel to different practitioners. We live in Anchorage and I support HB91.

Sincerely,

Kylara Hollingsworth

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**From:** Bradley Kloeckl <bkloeckl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 2:38 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

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Good afternoon,  
I'd be grateful if you protect the right and personal medical choices of Alaskan residents by passing HB91.  
Thank you for your efforts,  
Bradley Kloeckl  
448 Bonanza Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Rob Downey <44sprout@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 8:04 PM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** Downey MD support HB 91  
**Attachments:** HB 91 2019 Support.3 Downey MD.docx

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Please include this for consideration tomorrow and over the course of passing HB 91.

Respectfully,  
Rob Downey MD

S Lynn Hornbein, MD  
12008 W Skyline Dr  
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April 7, 2019

Re: Alaska House Bill 91

I am writing in support of establishing a clear scope of practice for naturopathic doctors (NDs) in Alaska, a scope that will allow them to provide the entire spectrum of services that they have been trained to provide as primary health care providers.

I have worked collaboratively with NDs for over 20 years. Their training and practice is complementary to allopathic medicine, benefiting our mutual patients.

I support NDs being able to provide prescriptions for common non-controlled medications for common conditions, and to prescribe and administer vitamins/supplements, such as vitamin B12. NDs should also be able to perform minor office procedures per their medical training.

During the years I have been a primary care provider, I have had a number of patients that benefitted from treatment by an ND, for conditions including hypertension, obesity, diabetes, depression and others. It has been very gratifying to see people learn to manage their health and to be able to stop taking prescription medications.

Access to primary care is an issue in every state, including Alaska. It is important that every trained primary health care provider be allowed to practice to their full scope of training. It is important that every person seeking primary care finds the provider that is right for them.

Thank you!

Lynn Hornbein, MD



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April 7, 2019

The Honorable Jennifer Johnston  
House District 28  
House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HB 91 - in support of Doctors of Naturopathic Medicine (ND)

Dear Representative Johnston:

I am writing in support of HB 91. My name is Ginger Scoggin and I have a medical practice that focuses entirely on tick-borne illnesses. As a member of ILADS (The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society), I am asked to consult on as many as 10 patients a month, on top of my patient load.

I work with very ill patients, regardless of their ability to pay. I am lucky to have an amazing group of clinicians that help me, including NDs. Naturopaths are regarded as equal, valued members of our grand round meetings. The information each team member brings to the table is vital. Patients deserve the best from all of us, whether they are our neighbors, live in rural Alaska, other states or countries.

Recently, a naturopath, neurologist and I met to see a very ill patient from rural Alaska. Having prior testing, we knew the pathogens we were dealing with, it took the us 3 days of work-up in Anchorage to come up with a treatment plan that would allow her to go home. She was going to need a series of injections, but the ND in her community was not able to do give injections, even if I prescribe it.

A Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine in Vancouver, WA recently asked for my help. The doctor was able to implement the treatment plan and now only occasionally needs my assistance. Her patient is doing great. This is how health care works in 2019. We do not work in silos and we do not think one specialty or modality has all the answers. It is not alternative, complementary or integrative. It is health care.

Essentially, we use the knowledge of our ND partners to help with diagnosing and treatment plans, but we do not allow them to help us treat. That is the crux of my frustration. I cannot do what I do without the help of every team member. This is not the first time I have asked The Alaska Naturopath Association and the Legislature for help. I am attaching a letter I wrote to Dr. Laing in 2017, letting her know that what the State calls "statutes" are unhelpful, irresponsibly worded, undefined and a danger to my patients.

I am asking The Committee to not allow a few territorial professionals to once again hinder patient care.

Ginger Scoggin, PhD, DNP, ANP-C  
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November 29, 2017

Abby Laing, ND  
Alaska Naturopath Association  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Dr. Laing:

I am contacting you to express my frustration at the AK Statutes for Naturopaths (March 2016). From the State of AK web page, it is unclear what board licenses naturopathic doctors. I do not know who wrote and approved this document, but it is incomplete and inadequate. I am challenging it.

I own a clinic in Alaska and specialize in tick-borne diseases. I rely on many professionals in the community to help my patients. While this is not an inclusive list, I rely on radiology, neurology, interventional anesthesiology, psychology, infusion pharmacy and doctors of naturopathy. It takes every member of this team to help these patients.

Recently, I asked a naturopath who understands neuroborreliosis, to help with a procedure. He was unsure whether this was within his scope. When I pulled down these regulations, I was speechless. There was no scope of practice, only payment information, vague restrictions and threats of sanctions.

The entirety of practice responsibilities is listed in 3 negative bullet points, and worded as follows:

**Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathy.** A person who practices naturopathy may not

- (1) Give, prescribe or recommend in the practice
  - a. A prescription drug
  - b. A controlled substance
  - c. A poison
- (2) Engage in surgery
- (3) Use the word "physician" in the person's title

That is all it says. The words "give", "recommend" or "surgery" are not even defined. These few pages do nothing to help me understand how I can use this important integrative modality for my complicated, chronically ill, disenfranchised patients.

I am offering my assistance in writing meaningful regulations and statutes to include the appropriate use of the education and knowledge of the naturopathic doctors we are lucky enough to have in Alaska. From the State of Alaska's web page, it is not clear where I should begin, so I am requesting your help.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ginger Scoggin, PhD, DNP, ANP-C  
Tick-borne Diseases

## Ashley Strauch

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**From:** Jennifer L Smith <jls19455@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 9:41 AM  
**To:** House Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** HB91

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I support HB91 because I have a great Naturopath provider and Naturopath providers should be able to practice with all the privileges that there education and license allow.

I live in Anchorage and my Naturopath is in Eagle river, AK. The concept of treating me the whole person, not just my symptoms, is one of the reasons that I see a Naturopath my for health care.

Thank you,

Jennifer Smith

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