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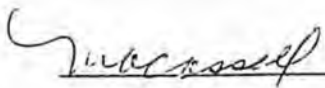
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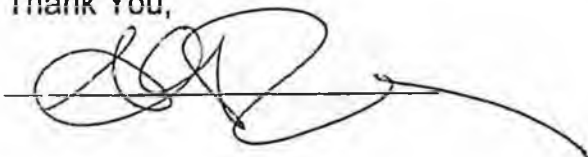
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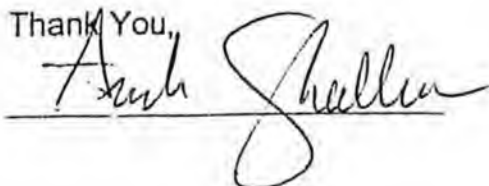
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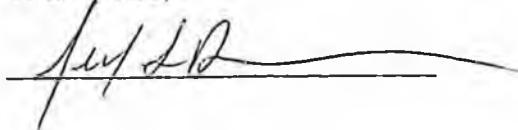
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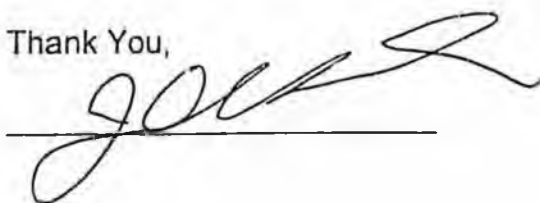
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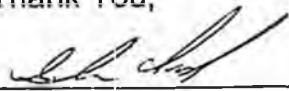
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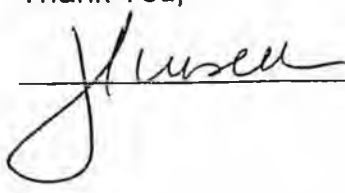
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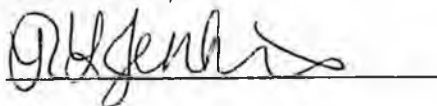
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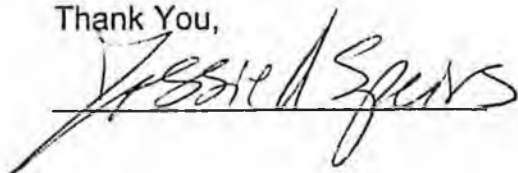
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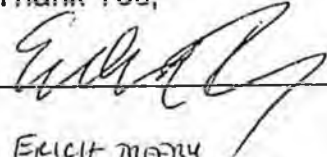
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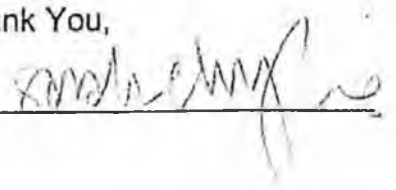
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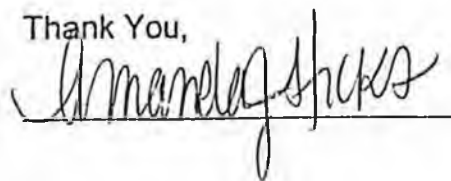
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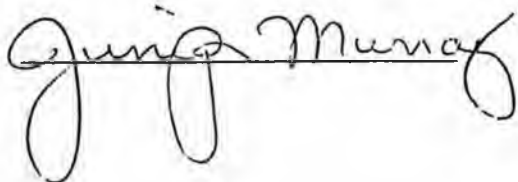
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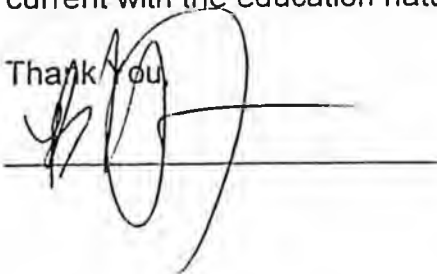
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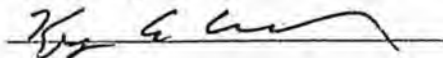
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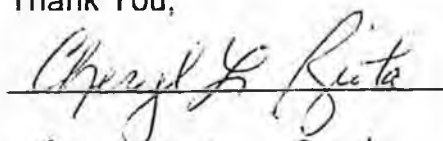
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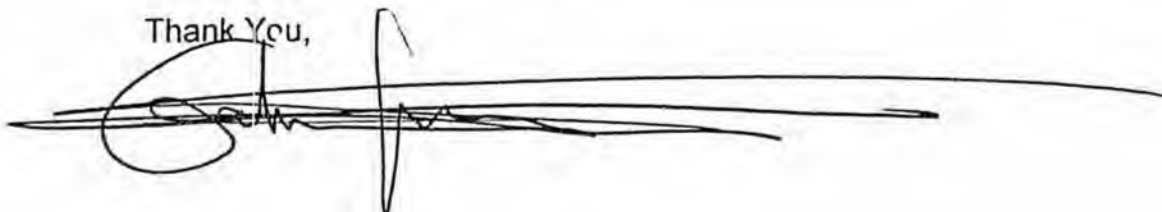
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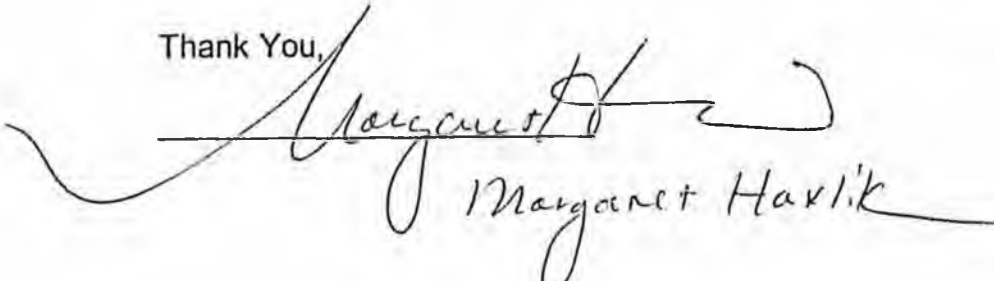
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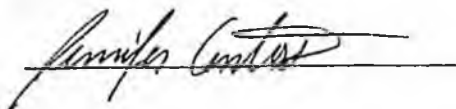
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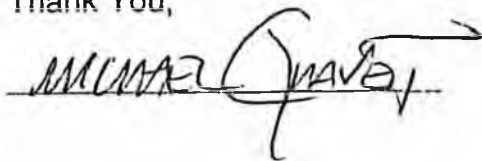
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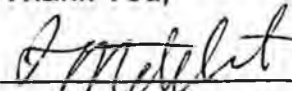
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Naturopathic Medicine RDU Occupational Licensing (117)
 Component Occupational Licensing
 Sponsor Representative Holm
 Requester House Labor & Commerce Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 434 makes amendments to the Naturopathic licensing statutes. No new funds are required to implement the changes in this bill.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone (907) 465-2144
 Division Occupational Licensing Date/Time 2/13/04 1:02 PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 2/13/2004
 Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

Conceptual Amendment # 1 to 23-LS1574\D

OFFERED BY REP. ROKEBERG
IN HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE

Intent: Reduce the prescription authority by excluding the ability to prescribe Federally Classified drugs including psychotropic and psychotherapeutic medications.

Delete subparagraph (4) on Page 5, Lines 16-17 and renumber accordingly.

Please ask Legislative Legal if this amendment achieves the desired intent.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 434, An Act Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

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It is important that Alaska laws governing the practice of naturopathic medicine reflect the high quality of education that naturopathic physicians receive. This legislation serves to enhance the accessibility, quality, and safety of comprehensive health care for Alaskans. The passage of similar legislation in fourteen other states has already demonstrated this.

The practice of naturopathic medicine was licensed in Alaska seventeen years ago. The standards outlined in the state statute must be updated to ensure that the practice of naturopathic medicine is commensurate with the education naturopathic physicians receive. It is also essential that practicing naturopathic doctors maintain not only the high standards of the profession, but also remain current in scope of practice by completing a continuing education requirement.

Like allopathic physicians (medical doctors), naturopathic physicians undergo four years of undergraduate pre-professional training followed by an intensive four-year doctoral program emphasizing both academic and clinical studies within the scope of primary care.

Key elements of this legislation include:

- 1) Safeguarding Alaskan citizens who use naturopathic medicine, by assuring the highest quality care possible from licensed, well trained, and professionally examined naturopathic physicians. This is accomplished by updating current licensure statutes as enforced by the Division of Occupational Licensing.
- 2) Mandating continuing education requirements in pharmacology and related practice, to ensure high standards and integrity for the profession, and to continue oversight and authorization by the Division Of Occupational Licensing to investigate complaints.

- 3) Instituting a scope of practice in Alaska for naturopathic physicians commensurate with their medical education and qualifications. This scope would include the use of natural substances; homeopathic medicine; dietary, nutritional, and health counseling, minor surgery, all necessary diagnostic and imaging studies; prescription medicines by those naturopathic physicians who apply for a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA Registration).
- 4) Providing at zero cost to state, and self-funded by the profession, a qualified trade association of naturopathic physicians that will work with the Division of Occupational Licensing to implement regulations requiring specific State and Federal examinations and requirements for licensure.

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MEMORANDUM

February 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Naturopaths (HB 434)
TO: Representative Jim Holm
FROM: Jean M. Mischel
Legislative Counsel



You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Changes the term "naturopathy" to "naturopathic medicine." This name change is carried throughout the bill and specifically necessitated sections 3, 5, 12, and 14.

Section 2. Changes name as in sec. 1 and allows use of certain titles for licensed naturopaths, including "doctor of naturopathy", "naturopath," and "naturopathic physician."

Section 3. See sec. 1.

Section 4. Rewrites application procedure for naturopaths and removes 1987 distinction from original licensing provision.

Section 5. See sec. 1.

Section 6. Modifies restrictions on practice of naturopathic medicine. Allows for performing of minor surgery and prescribing of drugs and controlled substances that were previously prohibited. Licensee must have appropriate education or training.

Section 7. Adds the authority to deny a person a naturopathic medicine license on disciplinary grounds and clarifies certain grounds for denial and disciplinary action.

Section 8. Removes a reference to a section repealed by this bill and adds a reference to a new section for purposes of issuing sanctions against a licensee.

Section 9. Adds use of titles listed in sec. 2 of the bill to misdemeanor provisions and rewords the misdemeanor section.

Section 10. Adds a new section requiring the department to adopt regulations pertaining to education, continuing education and certificates for specialty practice. The department is required to consider regulations prepared by the division in collaboration with a trade association.

Section 11. Adds new sections pertaining to continuing education standards, authorized activities, and fees.

Section 12. See sec. 1.

Section 13. Adds definitions of "approved naturopathic college or program," "department," and "minor surgery".

Section 14. See sec. 1.

Section 15. Repeals AS 08.45.040, pertaining to required disclosures to a patient.

Section 16. Specifies that changes to licensing sections in this bill do not apply to persons licensed prior to February 28, 2005 except that disciplinary provisions apply.

Section 17. Provides a delayed effective date of January 1, 2007 for sec. 11.

Section 18. Provides an effective date of March 1, 2005, except as provided in sec. 17.

JMM:lmb
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HB 434 – By Rep. Holm
Committee Hearing Packet

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Included: as provided by AkANP (Alaska Assoc. Naturopathic Physicians

Fact Sheet (1 page)

Journal of American Medical Association, 1998 Statement (1page)

Summary (1 page)

Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions – State of Alaska (1 page)

Comparison of Naturopathic Governance in Licensed States (1 page)

Education Comparison of Naturopathic and Major Medical Schools (1 page)

Comparison of Pharmacology Training – Allopathic (MD), Oseopathic (OD), Naturopathic (ND) (3 pages)

Definitions (1 page)

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Zero Fiscal Note – Div. of Occupational Licensing (1 page)

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Dedicated to the preservation of quality naturopathic medicine for all Alaskans.

JAMA, 1998

The Journal of American Medical Association

"Naturopaths, like allopathic physicians, receive 4 years of post-baccalaureate education culminating in a doctoral degree. They are broadly trained in the pre-clinical sciences and the clinical disciplines, with an emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment based on the stimulation or support of natural process. Their clinical education, which is entirely outpatient based, is designed to prepare them to be primary care providers."

Oregon Office of Educational Policy and Planning, 1998

"Naturopathic medical college prepares N.D.s with a biological and biomedical education of the same breadth and depth that prepares M.D.s to be primary care physicians."

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Appendix E:
Comparison of Naturopathic And Major Medical Schools



	National	Bastyr	Southwes	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
Basic and Clinical Sciences Anatomy, Cell Biology, Physiology, Pathology, Neuroscience, Clinical / Physical Diagnosis, Histology, Genetics Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Lab Diagnosis, Pharmacognosy, Public Health, History, Philosophy, Ethics, Research and other coursework.	1548	1639	1419	1771	1420	1383
Clerkships (1) and Allopathic Therapeutics Lecture and Clinical Instruction in Dermatology, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neurology, Surgery (2), Ophthalmology, and Clinical Electives.	2244	1925	1920	3391	2891	3897
Advanced Naturopathic Therapeutics	—	44	20	—	—	—
Ayurvedic Medicine	—	22	20	—	—	—
Botanical Medicine	96	110	120	—	—	—
Counseling (4)	144	143	100	—	—	—
Homeopathy	144	88	140	—	—	—
Hydrotherapy	48	39	40	—	—	—
Naturopathic Case Analysis / Management (5)	—	66	120	—	—	—
Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy	156	176	180	—	—	—
Naturopathic Medicine						
Naturopathic Philosophy	72	55	60	—	—	—
Oriental Medicine	72	33	200	—	—	—
Therapeutic Nutrition (3)	144	132	130	—	—	—
Subtotals:	876	908	1130	0	0	0
Total Reported Hours:	4668	4472	4469	5162	(+ thesis) 4311	5280

1. Clerkships are estimated to be 40 hours of mixed lecture and clinical training.
2. Naturopathic Physicians study minor surgery only.
3. No dedicated coursework in therapeutic nutrition appears in the college catalogs of Hopkins, Yale or Stanford, although they indicate that the subject is addressed in other courses.
4. Totals for John Hopkins, Yale and Stanford are included in psychiatry coursework.
5. Hours which could also be allocated to this category may be included elsewhere for some institutions because of terminology differences in the course

Sources: 1996-97 *Curriculum Directory* of the American Association of American Medical Colleges
1995-97 catalog of National College of Naturopathic Medicine
1996-98 catalog of Bastyr University
1996-97 catalog of Southwestern College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

Comparison of Pharmacology Training

Just as biochemistry is biochemistry, pharmacology is pharmacology. Pharmacology, like biochemistry, is a basic science – usually taught in the first two years of medical school. Pharmacology training for naturopathic doctors is fundamentally the same as the training other primary care doctors receive.



Table 1 compares the total hours required of three medical disciplines in the basic sciences, including pharmacology.

Table 2 compares the total hours of clinical clerkships and therapeutics required by six different medical colleges, three naturopathic medical schools and three allopathic medical schools.

In the 13 states where naturopathic physicians have prescription rights

- ⇒ Naturopathic physicians must graduate from a CNME-approved naturopathic medical college
- ⇒ Pass the pharmacology exam as administered by NPLEX (Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination)
- ⇒ Be licensed by the state where they practice
- ⇒ Obtain a DEA registration number.
- ⇒ Remain current with continuing education required by the state

With these stringent requirements met, NDs in these states safely prescribe or administer prescription or controlled substances WHEN THEY NEED TO.

To further assure public safety in Alaska, our legislation requires a mandatory, 60-hour course taught by pharmacists (R.Ph.) and by Pharm.D.s (pharmacists who are also MDs) which focuses on pharmacotherapeutics (the therapeutic use of drugs). This will ensure that naturopathic doctors who graduated long ago will have their knowledge brought up to current provisions.

Table 1. Comparison of Average Number of Hours in Basic Science Instruction

	Allopathic ¹	Osteopathic ²	Naturopathic ³
Anatomy (gross and micro)	380	362	350
Physiology	125	126	250
Biochemistry	109	103	125
Pharmacology	114	108	100
Pathology	166	152	125
Microbiology/Immunology	185	125	175

Sources:

¹Ref. Association of American Medical Colleges Curriculum Directory, 1996-1997.

²Ref. 1996 Statistical Report. Chevy Chase, MD: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

³Ref. State of Oregon. Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Chapter 850. Salem, OR.

Note: Allopathic (MD); Osteopathic (DO); Naturopathic (ND)

Used with Permission; *Common Paths in Medical Education*, Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D., Alternative and Complementary Therapies; August 1997

Table 2: Comparison of major naturopathic and allopathic medical school clinical training

Clerkships and Clinical Therapeutics	National	Bastyr	Southwest	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
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Stanford to NCNM



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NCNM

National College of Naturopathic Medicine

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Topics for Fall 2003

General Principles: pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics; **Autonomic Nervous System:** sympathomimetics, sympatholytics, parasympathomimetics, parasympatholytics muscle relaxants; **Central Nervous System:** anxiolytics and hypnotics antipsychotics, agents for affective disorders, anti-epileptic drugs, agents for neurodegenerative disorders, analgesic drugs, drugs of abuse, local anesthetics; **Respiratory Agents; Diuretics.** (National College of Naturopathic Medicine Course Information Form, T. Ann Blair, Ph.D., blaira@ohsu.edu)

CLS 526 Pharmacology II. (3 credit hours lecture). This course presents the principles of pharmacodynamics, including drug absorption, metabolism, distribution, excretion, and mechanism of action. Students are expected to classify and describe the pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of drug prototypes from the contemporary drug classes. Special emphasis is given to drugs contained in the Oregon and other naturopathic formularies. Prerequisites: BAS 425/432.

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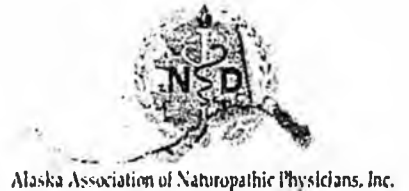
Cardiovascular: antihypertensive, anti-anginal, antilipemic agents, congestive heart failure, anti-arrhythmic agents, blood formation, hemostasis, thrombosis, gastrointestinal agents; **Endocrine:** thyroid hormones, male and female reproductive hormones, glycemic agents, adrenal steroids, vitamin D and A agents, autacoid drugs, NSAIDs, DMARDs; **Chemotherapy:** antimicrobial, antiviral, antifungal, antiparasitic, cancer chemotherapy, anti-obesity agents, otc's, drug interactions. (National College of Naturopathic Medicine Course Information Form, T. Ann Blair, Ph.D., blaira@ohsu.edu)

BOT 520/530/610 Botanical Materia Medica I, II, III (3 credit hours lecture winter, 2 credit hours lecture spring, 3 credit hours lecture fall) These sequential courses comprise a detailed survey of plants and plant preparations used in naturopathic practice, integrating traditional herbal knowledge with modern pharmacological research. The pharmacognosy, pharmacodynamics, toxicology, and therapeutics of each plant are considered. The coursework begins with an intensive on medicinal plant chemistry and follows with a focus on organ systems—the pathologies, the herbal treatments, and practical case presentation and workshops on case management and prescribing herbal formulas. Prerequisites: concurrent enrollment in CLS 520/530

Elective: CLS 640E Natural Pharmacology (2 credit hours lecture) This course offers an in-depth look at evidence-based therapeutic interventions, ranging from diet and nutrition to botanical therapies. Students will be exposed to the latest scientific evidence in the field of natural medicine and will learn how to adjust individual patient biochemistry in order to regain and sustain optimal wellness through maintenance of a physiologically balanced homeostasis. Prerequisites: third-year status.

(<http://www.ncnm.edu/b3pdfs/ncnm%20cat.pdf>)

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MPha 201. Pharmacology. Covers the principles of pharmacology and the major drug groups used in medicine. Major drug topics will include drug-receptor interaction, kinetic aspects of drug absorption, distribution and elimination, and drug metabolism. Major drug groups considered in this course include those affecting the Central Nervous System, the Autonomic Nervous System, and the Cardiovascular System. Peripherally acting drugs discussed include cholinergic/anticholinergics, adrenergics/antiadrenergics, antiarrhythmics, and vasodilators. Centrally acting drugs discussed include anticonvulsants, anesthetics, sedatives, analgesics, tranquilizers, and other psychoactive drugs. Problems of drug abuse are also considered. The emphasis of the course is on the mechanisms of action of drugs in man. A final exam will be given. Prerequisites: Mammalian physiology and biochemistry. Introductory neurobiology is recommended. 5 units. (J. Ferrell, staff - Department of Molecular Pharmacology)

MPha 202. Pharmacology. A continuation of Pharmacology 201. Major drug groups considered in this course include: chemotherapeutic agents, antibiotics; antiparasitic drugs; anticancer agents; thrombolytic agents; anti-inflammatory agents, and drugs regulating endocrine function. This course also includes discussion of toxicology. A final exam will be given. Prerequisites: Mammalian physiology, biochemistry and microbiology. Students who have not taken Pharmacology 201 (or equivalent) should consult the instructor. 5 units. (R. Roth, staff - Department of Molecular Pharmacology)

http://med.stanford.edu/school/catalog/bookone/courseqid_descriptions.html



Fact Sheet for Naturopathic Medical Legislation

Statements:

- 1) HB 434 will update a 17 year old Alaska State statute to reflect the quality of current and federally recognized naturopathic medical education. Alaska is the only state of 14 who has not embraced the primary scope of modern naturopathic medical practice.
- 2) HB 434 will safeguard Alaskans who use naturopathic medicine by assuring them access comprehensive primary care from licensed, qualified, regulated, well-trained and up to date naturopathic physicians.
- 3) HB 434 addresses the shortage of primary care providers in the state of Alaska, while at the same time providing complementary care and reducing health care costs to Alaskans.

Facts:

- 1) HB 434 will implement a 45 hour biennial requirement for continuing naturopathic medical education of which 15 hours must be in pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics.
- 2) HB 434 will allow naturopathic physicians their complete scope of practice, (as is done in other states), part of which is access to prescription writing authority, and after registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, access to Schedule II controlled substances.
- 3) HB 434 will allow naturopathic physicians to perform in-office minor surgery procedures.



Summary of Naturopathic Medical Legislation

Naturopathic physicians have been licensed to practice in the State of Alaska since 1986. They are currently regulated by the Division of Occupational Licensing under state statute AS 08.45.

This legislation adds the following revisions, in statute, for the practice of naturopathic medicine in the State of Alaska:

- 1) The Division of Occupational Licensing, in collaboration with a qualified trade association, The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc., shall update current regulations defining naturopathic medical practice in Alaska, to be commensurate with current standards of naturopathic medical education and training.

The current law is 17 years old and needs to be updated to allow naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their federally regulated education.

- 2) A graduate of a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college who has passed the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX) and has been approved by the Division of Occupational Licensing may use the title "Naturopathic Physician".

Current law is limited to the licensure of "naturopathy" and strictly prohibits the use of the title "Naturopathic Physician".

¹The Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) is the agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to serve as the accrediting agency for naturopathic medical programs.

- 3) Implement a requirement for at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine per year, of which 15 hours of instruction is in pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics, and is presented by a licensed pharmacist (R.Ph.) or Pharm.D., or other professional as approved by the Division of Occupational Licensing and The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians.

Current law does not include continuing education requirements.

- 4) Allow a naturopathic physician who has graduated from a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college, and has passed the pharmacology exam as administered by the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX), and is licensed by the State of Alaska to:

- a) Prescribe or administer legend or prescription substances and to

- b) Prescribe a controlled substance after becoming registered with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Current law does not authorize any prescriptive rights whatsoever, or allow for DEA registration as is required in 14 other states.

- 5) Allow a naturopathic physician who has graduated from a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college, and has passed the minor surgery exam, as administered by the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX), and is licensed by the State of Alaska to perform minor surgery as defined in Section 13 (6) of this HB 434 and SB 306.

Current law does not allow a naturopathic physician to perform minor surgery in the State of Alaska, whereas 14 other states do.

Appendix C:
A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions in The State of Alaska



Licensed Practical Nurse	9 months to 2 year practical nursing program, the 1 year program being the most common
Registered Nurse	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2-yr. Associate's degree, or • A 3-yr. Diploma program, (hospital based), or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 3-yr. Master's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 4-yr. Nursing Doctorate program
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	In addition to holding a license as a Registered Nurse, an A.R.N.P. completes one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 9 month to 2 year certificate program in specialty, or • A 2 year Master's degree certified in specialty
Physician's Assistant (PA)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 to 24 months master's degree (must work under the supervision of a physician)
Allopathic Physician (MD)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree in pre-medical and 2 to 5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency
Naturopathic Physician (ND)	4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4 to 5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; residency options becoming more available

Appendix D:
Comparison of Naturopathic Governance In Licensed States



State	Scope of Practice	Board Membership	Date of Inception
Alaska	No obstetrics No minor surgery No prescription rights No right to lab tests or diagnostic tests	No professional board Under supervision of Occupational Licensing Board No Naturopathic Members	At 1987
Arizona	Full prescription rights except schedule 1 prescription	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1940
California	Full practice rights All natural & synthetic hormones; epi for anaphylaxis Prescription under MD, DO (under 2 year study)	Zero cost bureau under DCA 3 Naturopathic Physicians 3 Medical Physicians 3 Public Members	January 1, 2004 Note: original law sunset
Connecticut	Full practice rights No prescription rights	2 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1949
Hawaii	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1937
Maine	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Alternative medicine board combining acupuncturists and naturopathic physicians 2 naturopathic doctors 2 acupuncturists 1 allopathic physician (MD or DO) 1 pharmacist 1 public member	At 1996
Montana	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Complimentary Medical Board combining naturopathic physicians and midwives 2 naturopathic physicians 2 midwives 2 public members 1 MD obstetrician	At 1991
New Hampshire	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1990
Oregon	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1940
Utah	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	At 1997
Vermont	Full practice rights Drug formulary	2 naturopathic physicians 1 administrator	At 1996
Washington	Full practice rights Drug formulary No cancer treatment	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1950



Definitions

Controlled Substances

A substance subject to the Controlled Substances Act (1970), which regulates the prescribing and dispensing, as well as the manufacturing, storage, sale, or distribution of substance's assigned to five schedules according to their 1) potential for or evidence of abuse, 2) potential for psychic or physiologic dependence, 3) contributing a public health risk, 4) harmful pharmacologic effect, or 5) role as a precursor of other controlled substances

Note: Controlled Substances in Schedules II -V have an accepted medical use in the United States, and Schedule 1 substances do not.

DEA Registration

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is the primary agency within the Federal Government responsible for the enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1971

A prescription order for a controlled substance may be issued only by a physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, mid-level practitioner or other registered practitioner who is:

1. Authorized to prescribe controlled substances by the jurisdiction in which he/she is licensed to practice;
- and
2. Registered with DEA or exempted from registration (i.e. Public Health Service and Bureau of Prison physicians)

Externship

Programs of training in medicine offered by outpatient clinics or private practices for graduates of medicine to meet the clinical requirements established by accrediting authorities.

Internship

Programs of training in medicine and medical specialties offered by hospitals for graduates of medicine to meet the requirements established by accrediting authorities.

Legend Drugs

A synonym for prescription drug. Legend drugs are required by federal law to have a prescription, or a physician's order to be dispensed by the pharmacy.

Minor Surgery

Minor surgery is the repair of superficial wounds, removal of foreign bodies, cysts, and superficial lesions. Local antiseptics and anesthetics are employed and sterile fields are maintained. These are the procedures that primary care physicians perform in their offices.

Note: Minor surgery DOES NOT include the use of general or spinal anesthetics, specialized surgical procedures (eye surgery, tendon repair, plastic surgery etc.) or the entrance into body cavities.

Pharmacognosy

A sub-field of pharmacology which studies natural drugs, including the study of their biological and chemical components, botanical sources, and other characteristics (economic, biochemical, biological, etc.).

Pharmacology

The medical science that deals with the discovery, chemistry, effects, uses and manufacture of drugs. The study of pharmacology includes drug absorption, metabolism, distribution, excretion and the mechanisms of drug action. It classifies and describes the actions, side effects and therapeutic uses of drug prototypes from the contemporary drug classes. (ex. Antihypertensives, Diuretics etc.)

Pharmacotherapeutics

Is the clinical study by which medical students learn to use drugs to treat medical conditions under the supervision of a physician.

Prescription

A written direction for the preparation and administration of a remedy. A prescription consists of the heading or superscription that is, the symbol R or the word Recipe, meaning take; the inscription, which contains the names and quantities of the ingredients; the subscription or directions for compounding and the signature, usually introduced by the sign s. For signa, mark, which gives the directions for the patient which are to be marked on the receptacle.

Prescription Drugs

A drug requiring a prescription, a physician's order. (By comparison with an over-the-counter drug.)

Primary Care

A primary care physician is trained to provide definitive care to the undifferentiated patient at the point of first contact. They are advocates for their patients and co-ordinate the use of the entire health care system. This includes educated referral for emergency intervention or to specialized providers.

SB 306 & HB 434 – Naturopathic Medicine Support Documents

Professionals/Instruction:

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D – Expert Testimony – Teleconferenced
Attached Resume & Letters of Support – Portland, Oregon
Rick Chester, ND, RPh,Lac – Expert Testimony –
Letter of Support - White City, OR

Other Professional Letters of Support:

S. Lynn Hornbein, M.D. – Summit Family Practice – Anchorage
D. Lynn Mickieson, M.D. – Palmer
Michael Fischer, M.D. – Alaska Family Wellness Center, Inc. – Anchorage
Craig H. Mullett, D.D.S. – Alaska Family Dental Center – Wasilla
Elizabeth Turgeon, M.D. – Capstone Family Medicine – Wasilla
Jeffrey W. Russell, PA-C, MHS – Anchorage
Mary-Beth Gardner, MS FNP – Fairbanks
Richard C. Holm, R.PH – North Pole Prescription Lab. Inc – North Pole
Barbara Norton, CNM,ANP – Geneva Woods Birth Center – Anchorage
Alan S. Bills, DDS – Alaska Center for Dentistry – Wasilla

Petitioners, in support of SB 306 & HB 434:

Database of 700+ Residents of Alaska (original signature sheets available upon request)

CLYDE B. JENSEN, Ph.D.

December, 2003

CAREER DISTINCTIONS

- Doctoral education in physiology and pharmacology and tenured medical school faculty member.
- America's youngest medical school president at age 32.
- Regarded for expertise in leading higher education institutions through difficult transitions.
- Provided senior leadership to six public and private higher education institutions by age 50.
- Singular person to provide senior leadership at a community college and at colleges of allopathic, osteopathic, naturopathic, and oriental medicine.
- Developing model scientific affairs organization for nutritional supplement industry.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY and SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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| President and Owner | Continuum Biomedical Consultants, Inc.
Portland, Oregon | 2001-Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented accredited graduate medical education program to train physician investigators for the dietary supplement industry. • Developed and implemented SYNERGATE, a modified stage/gate new product development process for a multinational nutritional products and herbal medicine alliance. • Formed industry/higher education collaboration for conducting federally funded dietary supplement research and education. • Developed infrastructure for research, governmental affairs and professional relations for nations oldest dietary supplement company. • Developed and currently implementing plans for the establishment of a federal office for integrated medicine. | | |
| President
Professor of Pharmacology | National College of Naturopathic Medicine
Portland, Oregon | 1996-2001 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured professional accreditation for Masters Degree in classical Chinese medicine. Doctorate in naturopathic medicine and residency in naturopathic medicine. • Secured candidacy for regional accreditation. • Relocated main campus and major clinics to larger and more suitable facilities. • Established and presided over American Association of Naturopathic Medical Colleges. | | |
| Senior Executive
Adjunct Professor of Medicine | University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine - Tulsa
Tulsa, Oklahoma | 1993-1996 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented campus strategic and master plans. • Restructured professional practice plan assisted with implementation of state-wide managed Medicaid. | | |
| President (Interim) | Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Miami, Oklahoma | 1992-1993 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilized campus and community relations following tumultuous departure of previous president. • Initiate strategic and fiscal planning process for implementation by permanent president. | | |
| President (Interim) | University of Health Sciences
Kansas City, Missouri | 1991-1992 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilized campus following death of previous president. • Developed strategic and campus master plan for implementation by permanent president. | | |
| President | Oklahoma State University
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Tulsa, Oklahoma | 1987-1991 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merged free-standing state supported college of osteopathic medicine with land grant university. • Acquired additional property and constructed new and renovated existing campus facilities. | | |



President	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Lewisburg, West Virginia	1981-1987
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased appropriations to from state legislature. • Diversified revenues by contracting with other Southern Region Education Board states to train rural physicians. • Integrated osteopathic graduate medical education into allopathic hospitals. 	
Assoc. Prof. Pharmacology Director of Research Dean of Students	Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery Tulsa, Oklahoma	1974-1981

SELECTED PART-TIME POSITIONS AND CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS

Adjunct Professor of Public Health	Oregon Health & Science University Portland, Oregon	2003-Present
Adjunct Professor of Health Policy	Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisconsin	2001-Present
Sr. Consultant	Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine Tempe, Arizona	1997-1999
Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology	Rogers State University Claremore, Oklahoma	1993-1996
Director of Oklahoma Operations	International Medical Technical Consultants (IMTCI) Overland Park, Kansas	1993-1994
Consultant	Ross University College of Medicine Dominica	1992

SELECTED LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Led several diverse colleges through difficult periods of transition: 1981-2001
- Testified before state legislative committees: 1981-present
- Restructured state supported medical college to serve multiple states in Appalachian Region. 1981-1987
- Testified before congressional subcommittees regarding student financial aid: 1985
- Merged public Oklahoma medical college with state land grant university: 1987-1991
- Restored harmony to private Kansas City medical college and recruited permanent president: 1991
- Restored order to public Oklahoma Community College in preparation for permanent president: 1992
- Developed professional practice plans for public medical colleges: 1981-1996
- Fostered conventional and complementary medical college collaboration: 1981-present
- Developed GME programs in conventional and complementary medicine: 1983-91 & 1996-99
- Developed industry/education partnerships for research and education: 2001-present
- Presided over research, education, product development, governmental affairs and professional relations for America's oldest dietary supplement company: 2001-present
- Developing federal office of integrated medicine; underway

SELECTED RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted and published basic research in physiology and pharmacology: 1973-1981
- Established medical school offices of research: 1979, 1994, 1996
- Organized and managed medical school institutional review boards: 1994, 1996
- Organized contract research organization for pharmaceutical clinical trials: 1993-1994
- Served as Principal Investigator in Phase III clinical trials: 1993-1994
- Facilitated IRB workshops on behalf of federal Office for Prevention of Research Risk: 1995





February 16, 2004

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Dear Dr. Young:

In my effort to write a short, crisp letter to Senator Seekins and Representative Holm concerning SB 306 and HB 434, I over simplified an observation pertaining to pharmacology that I wish to correct in this letter.

I said, "Naturopathic medical students receive instruction in minor surgery, obstetrics and pharmacology, but less than allopathic or osteopathic medical students." Medical students (including MD, DO and ND) receive two types of pharmacology instruction. Basic pharmacology is the classroom instruction in which students learn how drugs work, how the body handles them and the conditions for which they are used. Applied pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics is the instruction in the clinic in which students observe as the physician determines which drugs to prescribe and the circumstances under which they are to be administered.

Because naturopathic medical students receive most of their clinical training under the supervision of naturopathic physicians who prescribe few drugs, naturopathic medical students receive less training in applied pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics than do MD or DO students whose supervising physicians are MDs and DOs who frequently prescribe drugs. Instruction in basic pharmacology, however, is similar among MD, DO and ND students.

I hope this will help to clarify any confusion that may have been caused by my previous letter. I will send copies of this letter to Senator Seekins and Representative Holm. I hope you will feel free to share it with others at your discretion.

Respectfully yours,

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D.

Cc. Senator Ralph Sockins
Representative Jim Holm

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February 4, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Seekins:

I have become aware of the bill entitled "Act Relating to Naturopathic Physicians" now pending before the Alaska state legislature and am writing to volunteer any information and experience that may assist you and your colleagues in your consideration of this bill. I am a medical educator with a Ph.D. in physiology and pharmacology.

I have had the unique experience of serving as a chief or senior executive officer in colleges of allopathic, osteopathic, naturopathic and oriental medicine, and am frequently called upon to compare their respective educational programs.

The educational experience for MDs, DOs and NDs can be divided into five stages. I will quickly and superficially compare them.

- Admissions: ND medical schools currently do not require the MCAT for admissions. In all other respects, the requirements for admission are similar.
- Basic Biomedical Sciences: Biochemistry, physiology, anatomy, microbiology and other basic biomedical sciences are presented in similar quantity and intensity in each of the three types of medical schools.
- Diagnostics: Each are taught to employ identical outpatient diagnostic technologies. Allopathic and osteopathic medical schools are able to teach in patient diagnostic technologies to which naturopathic medical students have limited access.
- Therapeutics: Naturopathic medical students are taught nutritional, herbal, homeopathic and other low risk modalities to which allopathic and osteopathic medical students receive little exposure. Naturopathic medical students receive instruction in minor surgery, obstetrics and pharmacology, but less than allopathic or osteopathic medical students. Therapeutic training of naturopathic medical students is largely confined to outpatient clinics.
- Graduate medical education: At least a year of GME is required of MDs and DOs and this training is typically reimbursed with federal dollars. GME is currently an optional medical education experience for naturopathic physicians. Because federal reimbursement is not provided, naturopathic residency slots currently exist for fewer than 10% of recent naturopathic medical school graduates.



Naturopathic physicians are uniquely prepared to contribute to the delivery of health care in Alaska because of their ability to provide high quality, low risk, out patient care. It is my understanding that the pending legislation may better enable this to occur. I feel so strongly about the goodness of fit between naturopathic medicine and health care to rural, medically underserved populations, that if invited I will volunteer to meet with interested legislators at my own personal expense. Please feel free to call upon me at your discretion.

Respectfully yours,

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D.

