

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE AND BIO-ETHICS

March 4, 1993 Hearing Room C 3:00 p.m. Tapes 21 - 22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Bob Shoemaker, Chair Senator Jeannette Hamby,
Vice Chair Senator Joyce Cohen Senator Bill McCoy Senator Gordon Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Coombs, Administrator Dick Shoemaker,
Administrator/Assistant Joan Green, Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: SB 396, relating to naturopathy, PH SB 397,
relating to naturopaths, PH

WITNESSES: Dell Isham, Oregon Association of
Naturopathic Physicians Aris Campbell, Naturopathic Physician Katie
Bracken, Citizen Rick Marinelli, ND, Citizen Kevin Wilson, ND, Citizen
Heide Anderson, Oregon Acupuncture Association Jared L. Zeff, ND, LAC,
National College Naturopathic Medicine

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TAPE 21, SIDE A

006 Chair Shoemaker: Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 396, RELATING TO NATUROPATHY; SB 397, RELATING TO NATUROPATHS

023 Dell Isham, Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians:
Speaks in support of the bills, Exhibit A.

098 Chair Shoemaker: As currently practiced, naturopathic
physicians do penetrate the skin for all diagnostic, preventive and
therapeutic

purposes?

104 Isham: Responds.

105 Chair Shoemaker: Even though the law doesn't specifically permit
that?

106 Isham: Responds. 112 Aris Campbell, Naturopathic Physician:
Responds.

118 Chair Shoemaker: Is that the sole therapeutic purpose or is
that an example?

119 Campbell: Responds.

120 Chair Shoemaker: The statute now reads that nothing in the chapter shall be construed to authorize the administration of any substance by

penetration of the skin for therapeutic purposes. You do not regard that as a prohibition for doing that?

123 Campbell: Responds. Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit B.

182 Sen. Hamby: Why would a naturopathic physician inject vitamin C rather than prescribe it in oral form?

192 Campbell: Responds.

201 Sen. Hamby: You would inject intravenously?

204 Campbell: Responds.

205 Sen. Hamby: Do you know of any naturopathic physicians that give intramuscular injections of Vitamin C?

207 Campbell: No.

211 Chair Shoemaker: That would be a therapeutic injection?

213 Campbell: Responds.

239 Sen. Hamby: I was told by the physician that this was routinely done by naturopathic physicians. I questioned the administration myself.

241 Sen. Shoemaker: For the record Dr. Campbell is shaking his head negatively.

257 Sen. Hamby: Penetration of any therapeutic agent would be limited to strictly vitamin shots, as suggested by your legislation?

259 Campbell: Responds.

261 Sen. Hamby: What other pharmaceutical agent would you be injecting, as a naturopathic physician?

263 Campbell: Responds.

270 Sen. Cohen: Are we inviting more of what is out there, in an unregulated way, by changing this?

275 Chair Shoemaker: I was wondering the same thing. Requests more information regarding the Formulary Council and the controls available

to them.

279 Campbell: The Formulary Council reviews any substance that a naturopathic physician administers.

308 Chair Shoemaker: Does the law require that?

308 Campbell: Yes.

309 Chair Shoemaker: Is the Council subject to the law, as established by statute? Is it also the Council for Allopathics?

314 Campbell: Responds.

319 Sen. McCoy: What is the composition of the Formulary Council?

320 Isham: Responds.

350 Chair Shoemaker: You are not asking for a change in the membership of the Council?

358 Campbell: Responds.

SB 396, RELATING TO NATUROPATHY

398 Katie Bracken, Citizen: Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit C.

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018 Bracken: Continues with testimony, Exhibit C.

SB 397, RELATING TO NATUROPATHS

050 Rick Marinelli, ND, Citizen: Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit D.

125 Sen. Smith: Are all of the treatments approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA)?

130 Marinelli: Responds.

132 Chair Shoemaker: At this time the FDA is not regulating?

133 Marinelli: Responds.

133 Sen. Hamby: Do naturopathic physicians have hospital privileges in this state?

133 Marinelli: Responds.

140 Sen. Hamby: When a pitocin drug is administered is a physician standing by at all times? 149 Marinelli: Responds.

153 Sen. Hamby: What setting is that intravenous (IV) administration being given in?

154 Marinelli: Responds.

152 Sen. Hamby: You currently give intramuscular injections of pitocin?

159 Marinelli: Responds.

161 Kevin Wilson, ND, Citizen: Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit E.

166 Sen. Cohen: I do believe this is changing the scope of practice. The case for injections is going to need to be made more clearly for me. We are inviting an expanding scope of practice.

176 Chair Shoemaker: Agrees.

179 Wilson: Continues with testimony, Exhibit E.

193 Sen. Cohen: I am concerned about the training you have in managing the kind of drugs that are being injected.

200 Wilson: Responds. Continues with testimony, Exhibit E.

244 Sen. Hamby: I am disturbed about the tremendous need for the injection of vitamins when oral administration would suffice. I can't think of a

vitamin that is better absorbed orally than Vitamin C. I don't see the need for injections of Vitamin C.

254 Wilson: Responds. Continues with testimony, Exhibit E.

264 Chair Shoemaker: Is it true that every drug that you would inject for therapeutic purposes you also now inject for preventative or diagnostic purposes?

277 Wilson: Responds. Continues with testimony, Exhibit E.

374 Heide Anderson, Oregon Acupuncture Association: Speaks in support of the bill, since it is not inclusive of acupuncture. We would like to

note for the record the legislative intent. Specifically that the bill does not include acupuncture with regard to the use of needles.

389 Chair Shoemaker: For the record SB 397 speaks of authorizing the administration of any substance by the penetration of the skin.

Acupuncture does not administer any substance with the penetration of the skin. I don't think it is within the definition.

398 Jared L. Zeff, ND, L.Ac, National College Naturopathic Medicine: Speaks in support of the bill, Exhibit F.

446 Chair Shoemaker: Would any college curriculum change be required for the administration of therapeutic medicines, if this bill becomes law? 452 Zeff: No.

458 Chair Shoemaker: They are trained now?

459 Zeff: Yes.

464 Doctor Don Walker, Chairman, Board of Examiners and the Formulary Council: I would be pleased to answer any questions the Committee may

have.

470 Chair Shoemaker: What is your own discipline?

471 Walker: Responds.

472 Chair Shoemaker: Are you in favor of both bills?

480 Walker: Yes.

TAPE 21, SIDE B

032 Sen. Cohen: For the record, do you think that SB 397 expands the scope of practice?

033 Walker: Yes.

036 Sen. Cohen: Could the expansion only go up to the Formulary?

040 Walker: The only substances a naturopathic physician can use would be those substances outlined by the Formulary Council. That is a published list.

051 Chair Shoemaker: Can the Board verify that the training received at the Naturopathic College equips physicians, both those in practice and those graduating, to administer drugs for therapeutic purposes?

055 Walker: Responds.

062 Chair Shoemaker: Perhaps the Board could require continuing education in certain injection subjects.

071 Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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Administrator

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EXHIBIT LOG:

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