

## **WA Access to Homeopathic Services Act** HB \_\_\_\_\_ SB \_\_\_\_\_



*Title:* This act shall be known and may be cited as the “*Washington Access to Homeopathic Services Act*”.

*Description:* An Act protecting consumer access to homeopathic practitioners in the State of Washington and protecting the right of practitioners to offer their services.

*Status:* Seeking a Sponsor

*Summary:* *WA Access to Homeopathic Services Act* would amend two existing chapters in RCW Title 18:

**RCW Chapter 18.71 Physicians** and **RCW Chapter 18.36A Naturopathy**. In each case, the existing *Exemptions* section is amended with the addition of a new clause:

“Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict:  
...The practice of homeopathy or the provision of homeopathic remedies and services.”

### **Why WA Access Legislation is needed:**

- To ensure that citizens have access to the low-cost, non-invasive homeopathic services and homeopathic remedies available from homeopathic practitioners.

### **What WA Access Legislation will do:**

- Protect public access to homeopathy providers in Washington State.

### **Homeopathy is popular and safe:**

Homeopathy has been practiced for hundreds of years around the world. Homeopathic remedies are regulated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are considered safe.

According to the 2012 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), which included a comprehensive survey on the use of complementary health approaches by Americans, an estimated 5 million adults and 1 million children used homeopathy in the previous year. (This includes persons who sought services from a homeopathy practitioner and those who purchased remedies over the counter.)<sup>1</sup>

### **WA Access Supporters:**

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<sup>1</sup> National Health Statistic Report Number 19. February 2015. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr079.pdf>, p. 10.