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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands the list of individuals and entities that may participate in the Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) to include those underinsured for prescription drugs, private entities, and labor organizations. Alters the application process to remove the annual application requirement and requirement that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services reissue prescription drug identification cards annually.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of the Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP)
- Number of people currently enrolled in OPDP
- Definition of underinsured
- Costs associated with annual application requirement
- Savings for program enrollees
- Comparison of costs at pharmacies that do and do not participate in OPDP
- Potential decrease in employer drug coverage stemming from expansion
- Educational component of OPDP
- Likelihood that patients shop around for best price
- Legislative oversight allowed by an audit

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes a specific audit requirement. Changes the application process for the Oregon Prescription Drug Program to remove the annual application requirement and requirement that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services reissue prescription drug identification cards annually.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Prescription Drug Plan (OPDP) is a bulk drug purchasing program established in 2003 (SB 875). The purpose of the program is to purchase prescription drugs or reimburse pharmacies for prescription drugs in order to receive discounted prices and rebates; make prescription drugs available at the lowest possible cost to participants in the program; and maintain a list of prescription drugs recommended as the most effective prescription drugs available at the best possible prices. Enrollees apply for the program through the Department of Administrative Services and the department issues each participant a card that may be used when purchasing prescription drugs to secure discounts. Originally, program participation was limited by age and income, but Ballot Measure 44 (2006) opened the program to all Oregonians without prescription drug coverage. As of February 2007, OPDP has enrolled approximately 12,500 people with an average savings of \$28 per prescription. SB 362 A expands eligibility to those who are underinsured for prescription drug coverage and to private entities and labor organizations.

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