

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/23

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 the requirement that the Department of Administrative Services reissue prescription drug identification cards annually. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increases group market potential
- Current enrollment in Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP)
- Potential savings for program enrollees
- Potential savings reviewed
- Concerns associated with prescription purchasing program that combines individuals who lack insurance or are underinsured for prescription drug coverage, private entities, labor organizations, and state programs
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Prescription Drug Plan (OPDP) is a bulk drug purchasing program established in 2003 (Senate Bill 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, which 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.

Senate Bill 362-B expands eligibility to those who are underinsured for prescription drug coverage and to private entities and labor organizations.

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