## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**House Committee on Health Care** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Judiciary

**MEASURE: HB 2174 A** 

**CARRIER:** 

by prior reference

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 2

**Yeas:** Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0

**Exc.:** Kennemer, Parrish

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/18, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds safety certification and training and personal protective equipment to items to be funded by the Illegal Drug Cleanup Fund. Adds drug endangering the welfare of minor and frequenting a place where controlled substances are used to conditional discharge statute. Identifies and separates Schedule V prescription drugs. Separates possession, distribution, and manufacture of oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone into separate statutes. Repeals current law that prohibits Oregon State Board of Pharmacy from scheduling Federal Drug Administration approved over the counter drug. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background on Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA)
- Public health and safety issues surrounding prescription drug abuse
- Concerns relating to quantities specified in measure
- Prescription drug abuse growing rapidly
- Proposed amendment
- Review of amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes offenses relating to enhancements for commercial prescription drug dealing. Adds safety certification and training and personal protective equipment to items to be funded by the Illegal Drug Cleanup Fund. Adds drug endangering the welfare of minor and frequenting a place where controlled substances are used to conditional discharge statute. Identifies and separates Schedule V prescription drugs. Repeals current law that prohibits Oregon State Board of Pharmacy from scheduling Federal Drug Administration approved over counter drug. Separates possession, distribution, and manufacture of oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone into separate statutes.

**BACKGROUND:** Schedule I drugs have a high tendency for abuse and have no accepted medical use. This schedule includes drugs such as Marijuana, Heroin, Ecstasy, and LSD. Schedule II drugs have a high tendency for abuse, may have an accepted medical use, and can produce dependency or addiction with chronic use. This schedule includes examples such as Cocaine, Opium, Morphine, Amphetamines, and Methamphetamines. Schedule II drugs may be available with a prescription by a physician, but may not be available at all pharmacies. Schedule III drugs have less potential for abuse and a currently accepted medical use, may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence. Schedule IV drugs have a low potential for abuse, a currently accepted medical use and limited dependence. Schedule V drugs have a low potential for abuse, a currently accepted medical use and lead to limited dependence.