

**February 5, 2013**  
**Senate Health Care and Human services Committee**

**SB 106**

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SB-106 is a companion measure to the Board of Pharmacy's budget (SB-5036 and 5037) which is tentatively scheduled for Ways and Means subcommittee hearing on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Oregon Pharmacy Coalition has been notified and consulted and remains neutral on SB-106.

**What the measure does:**

- SB-106 does not raise any fees. It simply would remove the fee caps from statute and allow the Ways and Means Committee to make the determination of appropriateness for any fee increase proposal.
- The Board of Pharmacy in the current Governor's Balanced Budget is proposing a fee increase for pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers. The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education will review SB-5036 and determine the appropriateness of the fee increase. This is standard procedure.
- Notwithstanding SB-5036, the Board of Pharmacy would like to remove the fee caps from statute, even in the absence of a fee increase this session. The statutory fee caps are unnecessary since the Ways and Means Committee retains legislative oversight of the fee increase process.

**If the measure fails:**

- If SB-106 fails, the Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services will both separately and simultaneously be deliberating and determining appropriateness of any future fee proposal creating a duplication of effort.
- If SB-106 fails to attract enough votes to pass, the Board of Pharmacy would request an amendment that would increase the existing statutory fee maximum for pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers to \$800.