



**To: Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services**

**From: Oregon State Pharmacy Association & Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists**

**Date: February 25, 2013**

**Re: Written Statement in Opposition to SB 164**

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The Oregon State Pharmacy Association and the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists urge your **opposition to SB 164** which would impose restrictions on the breadth and depth of the information that is made available to both prescribers and dispensers of prescription medications. By requiring "Academic Detailing" information to be held to standards currently required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of pharmaceutical companies communicating information regarding brand-name prescription drugs, this bill would limit the availability of evidence-based information through education.

While we note the importance of integrity and honesty in these analyses, prescribers and dispensers alike deserve the full scope of information to help inform their conversations and decisions with patients and their families when it comes time to making critical decisions about medication, patient health and comfort and prescription costs.

The Oregon State Pharmacy Association and the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists urge your **re-examination of SB 164** as it will hinder the ability for medical professionals to do the best jobs they can.

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