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Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services
Regarding Implementation of SB 470-1 Amendment

SB 470-1 would allow the BOP to add drugs that are not controlled substances to the list of drugs dispensed by pharmacies that are reported by pharmacies to the Prescription Monitoring Program. An example of a drug which might be a candidate for this addition would be the pain medication Tramadol. This is a drug that is not a controlled substance but has exhibited some potential for abuse. It would be prudent to monitor the use of this drug to determine if and to what extent the drug is being abused.

The Board of Pharmacy would add a drug to the PDMP list by administrative rule. This is a public process that includes discussion at a public board meeting to propose a rule and a public hearing and comment period on the proposed rule. The Oregon Administrative Procedures Act describes the official process for adoption of administrative rules.

Anyone may suggest a particular drug to the BOP for consideration. Anyone may attend the meeting during which the BOP considers a drug for inclusion on the list and anyone may comment orally or in writing to the BOP on a proposal to include a drug on the list.

Please feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

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