

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 3 - 0 - 2
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Meeting Dates: 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes State Board of Pharmacy to waive requirements for distribution of prescription drugs under Charitable Prescription Drug Program if board determines that waiver is in interest of public health and safety.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current program restrictions on donated prescription drugs
- Drug handling requirement
- Current pharmacy participation
- Allowing Board of Pharmacy limited discretion

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Charitable Prescription Drug Program (CPDP) provides donated prescription drugs to needy or uninsured individuals and those with limited access to pharmaceuticals. A Charitable Pharmacy that is registered with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBP) may accept donated drugs for distribution when the pharmacist can reasonably be assured of the purity and integrity of the drug. Those drugs can be distributed if they meet certain specified criteria.

House Bill 2740 allows OBP to waive the criteria and approve the donated drugs for distribution if OBP determines that issuing the waiver is in the interest of public health and safety.