



Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

**Senate Bill 1561
Support**

February 9, 2014

Senate Committee Health Care & Human Services
Chair, Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
Vice Chair, Sen. Jeff Kruse

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Committee Members:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association is in support of Senate Bill 1561, which would preserve the current regulatory structure for those of us who have dispensing authority for legend and controlled drugs.

We are not aware of a specific concern or safety issue with the dispensing of prescription drugs in veterinary medicine. Certainly, none has been brought to our attention. If there are concerns, we believe they most effectively could be addressed through the administrative rules of our regulatory body, the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board, as they have existing authority to investigate concerns and hold veterinarians accountable to appropriate conduct and standards of care. This more direct approach makes sense to us, instead of implementing additional and redundant regulations on providers with dispensing authority.

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association is asking for your support. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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