



# Legislative Testimony

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Monnes Anderson, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health Care

**RE: Senate Bill 626**

Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care, I am Steve Robbins, Health Services Administrator for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to provide information related to SB 626.

**What the Bill Does:**

SB 626 would require practitioners to access information from the prescription monitoring program before the practitioner prescribes or dispenses to a patient a prescription drug that is classified in schedules II through IV.

**Background Information:**

DOC practitioners prescribe schedule II through IV drugs at any given time to over 450 adults in custody. DOC patients, by their very nature, are a captive population that cannot attempt to access scheduled drugs across a continuum of providers in their community. All DOC prescriptions are managed and tracked through an ordering and inventory control system, so it would not be possible for a patient to be taking scheduled drugs without a DOC Health Services provider being aware of it.

SB 626, Section 3, paragraph (2) lists the various exceptions to this requirement. One of those exclusions is practitioners dispensing at a health care facility, as defined by ORS 442.015. The DOC is specifically excluded from that definition [ORS 442.015, paragraph (12)(b)(C)].

**Requested Action:**

The Department of Corrections recommends that SB 626 be amended to specifically list DOC practitioners as an exclusion under Section 3, paragraph (2).

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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