

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/13/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/02, 04/13

**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse

Exc: 1 - Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands the use of the Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) to include medical assistance recipients and coordinated care organizations. Allows the Oregon Health Authority to deny reimbursement of legend drugs until six months after the United States Food and Drug Administration approval.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- OPDP purchasing pool and NW Drug Consortium
- New drugs becoming available on the market
- Allowing Medicaid, coordinated care organizations and fee-for-service to access OPDP
- Concerns about denying access to certain prescription drugs and not being consistent with Medicaid statute

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) provides drugs at discounts to individuals who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover their drugs. OPDP also provides discounted drugs for Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB), some Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) members, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), Salem Hospital and other groups throughout the state. OPDP joined the Washington Prescription Drug Program to form the Northwest Prescription Drug Consortium. Through the combined purchasing power of the Consortium both states have benefited from savings on the purchases of prescription medications. In addition, the Consortium offers additional opportunities for shared efficiencies reducing each program's administrative costs.

Public and private sector group pharmacy benefit plans may join the OPDP and are available to utilize the advantages of the Consortium Contract including transparency, competitive pricing and high quality services.

All Oregonians may participate in the OPDP through a prescription medication discount program.