

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Health Care****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/20/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/15, 04/20**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

Nays: 1 - Knopp

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates 20-member Task Force on Prescription Drugs (Task Force) to review prescription drugs expected to come to the United States market for first time in 2015 and 2016 and prepare report describing the drugs. Requires two members from each congressional district, representatives from five coordinated care organizations and representatives from five commercial insurers. Requires submission of report to Joint Ways and Means Committee no earlier than February 1, 2017 and no later than April 1, 2107. Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide staff support and gather data. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Anticipate and predict new drugs coming into United States market
- Effective but expensive drugs come from abroad
- Large prices have impact on budget
- Technical date changes
- Scope of Task Force directives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reports that the number of drugs it approves which are manufactured overseas, or has some foreign ingredients, is rapidly increasing. It is currently estimated that 40 percent of finished drugs taken by patients and 80 percent of active ingredients come from overseas. The price of these drugs are high due to factors such as development, research and marketing.

The Oregon Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (Committee) measures and assesses the utilization, quality, medical appropriateness and cost of prescribed medications through evaluation of claims data. It advises the Oregon Health Authority on which prescription drugs should be encoded in any preferred drug list or formulary established. The Committee consists of five doctors, four pharmacists and two non-pharmacists or physicians. The Committee also maintains the Oregon Preferred Drug List.