

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

**Action Date:** 06/01/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/06, 06/01

**Vote:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Grants explicit authority to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to limit providers with regard to which medical assistance recipient may obtain prescription drugs if the recipient meets specific criteria including use of three or more pharmacies in six-month period and alteration of prescription. Authorizes OHA to conduct prospective drug utilization review, prior to payment for drugs for patient who has filled prescription for more than 15 drugs in preceding six-month period. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reducing prescription drug abuse, misuse and diversion
- Restriction of medication to people experiencing medical pain
- Examples of when patients receive the same or similar prescriptions for legitimate reasons

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the 2014 Interim, as part of the administrative rule review process, Legislative Counsel identified a lack of explicit authority with Oregon Administrative Rule 410-121-0135 (establishes a pharmacy lock-in program, the Pharmacy Management Program). House Bill 2306 addresses the problem by granting additional authority to Oregon Health Authority to use the pharmacy lock-in as an intervention in its drug use review of prescription drugs in the medical assistance program.