



MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Monnes Anderson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
Senator Kruse, Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care

From: Courtni Dresser, OMA Government Relations

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Re: Support for SB 1514

Chair Monnes Anderson, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement on SB 1514.

Oregon's Charitable Prescription Drug Program has been in effect since 2010 and allows pharmacies who are registered with the Board of Pharmacy as a "charitable pharmacy" to dispense donated prescription drugs to patients who are uninsured, don't have adequate prescription coverage or are enrolled in a public assistance program. The donated drugs that are received and dispensed by the charitable pharmacy must meet stringent requirements before they can be dispensed by the charitable pharmacy, including the requirement that they are in their original, factory sealed containers and don't expire for at least 9 months from the date of donation.

SB 1514 would allow charitable pharmacies to accept donations not just from individuals but from other charitable prescription drug programs. The drug accepted from another charitable prescription drug program would still be subject to the same requirements as all other donated drugs and required to be visually inspected by a pharmacist prior to dispensing.

Given that the repackaged drugs donated by another charitable prescription drug program are subject to the same stringent requirements as all drugs in this program, the OMA supports SB 1514. The bill provides an additional pathway for donated drugs to be made accessible to needy and uninsured individuals.

Thank you one again for the opportunity to address the committee on this topic.

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