

HB 3262 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services, in collaboration with other agencies, to adopt rules related to prescription of psychotropic medicine to an elderly person or person with disability living in an adult foster home, residential care or long term care facility. Specifies rule requirements including review of prescribing multiple psychotropic medicines, engagement in other interventions prior to prescription of psychotropic medication and continued intervention in conjunction with prescribed psychotropic medication. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of psychotropic medicines
- Side effects of psychotropic medicines
- Prescription medicine management for elderly or individuals with disabilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Redefines primary care physician to be provider, gerontologist or psychiatrist, or other licensed health care practitioner designated by Department of Human Services.

BACKGROUND:

Psychotropic medication is defined in Oregon statute as medication with the prescribed intent to affect or alter thought process, mood or behavior. This includes but is not limited to antipsychotic, antidepressant and anxiolytic medication and behavior medications. Current Oregon law, requires the Department of Human Services to develop rules for use of psychotropic medications for children placed in foster care.

House Bill 3262 requires Department of Human Services, in collaboration with other agencies, to adopt rules related to prescription of psychotropic medicine to an elderly person or person with disability living in an adult foster home, residential care or long term care facility. The bill specifies rule requirements including but not limited to the review of prescribing multiple psychotropic medicines from a physician other than the individual's primary care physician, engagement in other interventions prior to prescription of psychotropic medication and continued intervention in conjunction with prescribed psychotropic medication.