

## HB 2397 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Health Care

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the seven-member Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee. Specifies membership, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Directs the State Board of Pharmacy to establish, by rule, the formulary drugs and devices that the pharmacists may prescribe and dispense to patients under specific conditions. Directs the Committee to recommend drugs and devices for inclusion onto the formulary. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

*FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Role and scope of practice for Oregon pharmacists as health providers including prescribing authority
- Increased and cost effective access to medications by allowing pharmacists to prescribe medications

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The role of pharmacists as health care providers has enhanced access to cost-effective and quality health care management for patients. In January 2017, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) released an informational bulletin encouraging states to expand the ability of pharmacists to expand the scope of practice for pharmacists to improve timely access to care. The Oregon State Pharmacy Association reports that requests for health care teams for approval of pharmacists prescribing non-diagnostic therapies, medications and tests or devices required to manage disease following a diagnosis continues to increase.

House Bill 2397-A allows the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to allow pharmacists to prescribe specific drugs, devices and laboratory tests such as diabetic testing supplies, asthma inhalers and smoking cessation aids. The bill also directs the Board of Pharmacy to convene a seven-member public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee.