

HB 2114 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Greenlick

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/03/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Oregon Board of Dentistry to provide notice to licensees regulated by each board who are authorized to prescribe opioids or opiates of the *Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines: Recommendations for the Safe Use of Opioid Medications*, as endorsed by the Oregon Medical Board in January 2017 no later than January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines recommendations
- Oregon's opioid pain medication overdose crisis
- Importance of reducing the amount of opioids in circulation
- Use of clinical guidelines versus criminal penalties
- Over-prescribing can lead to medication abuse, diversion and addiction
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division, Oregon has one of the highest rates of prescription opioid misuse in the nation. More drug poisoning deaths involve prescription opioids than any other type of drug, including alcohol, methamphetamines, heroin and cocaine. An average of three Oregonians die every week from prescription opioid overdose, and many more develop opioid use disorder. The Public Health Division convened the Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Task Force in the spring of 2016 to develop statewide guidelines for clinicians and health care organizations. The goal was to address the epidemic of opioid use, misuse and overdose by providing a consistent framework for care and improving patient safety at the local and regional level.