

HB 3262 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Carrier: Rep. Nathanson

Action Date: 04/11/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 8-0-1-0
Yeas: 8 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark
Exc: 1 - Noble
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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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:

Redefines primary care physician to be provider, gerontologist, 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, 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 A requires Department of Human Services (DHS), 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 multiple psychotropic medicines prescribing from a licensed health care practitioner other than the individual's primary care to be provider, gerontologist, psychiatrist, or other licensed health care practitioner designated by DHS. This review is done to limit any adverse side effects and ensure the psychotropic medication is prescribed in the lowest effective dose. Additionally, the measure specifies rule requirements providing engagement in other interventions prior to prescription of psychotropic medication and continuing intervention in conjunction with prescribed psychotropic medication.