

SB 423 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Alonso Leon

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/17/17

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

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Hack, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 2 - Buehler, Hayden

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits physician assistants to dispense Schedules III and IV drugs under federal Controlled Substances Act. Directs the physician assistant who is dispensing a controlled substance to report the dispensing information to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current physician assistants dispensing privileges
- One-stop health care services for Zoom+Care patients
- Current Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) reporting requirements
- Existing Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules for Supervising Physician Dispensing Outlets
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Directs the physician assistant who is dispensing a controlled substance to report dispensing information to the PDMP.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Controlled Substances Act places all drugs into five schedules based on medical use, the potential for abuse, safety or dependence liability. Schedule III drugs have moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence (e.g., anabolic steroids, testosterone, Sudafed, and Tylenol with codeine). Schedule IV drugs have a low potential for abuse and low risk of dependence (e.g., Ambien, Tramadol and Xanax). Oregon's current law prohibits physician assistants (PAs) from dispensing drugs in Schedules I through IV unless drugs are administered to groups that are federally designated as underserved or disadvantaged. The Oregon Medical Board establishes standards and qualifications for PAs with dispensing authority.

Senate Bill 423-A allows PAs to prescribe and administer Schedules III and IV drugs under the federal Controlled Substances Act and when dispensing the drug to report to the PDMP.