

Public Comment

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House Committee on Health Care

HB 2303

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Dear Committee members,

As a long time allergy sufferer and resident of Oregon, I highly encourage you to vote in favor of HB 2303 which deletes requirement that pseudoephedrine be classified as Schedule III controlled substance.

My husband and I rely on Claritin D for most of the year. Unfortunately, we currently BOTH must travel out of state every 15-days to purchase the drug. We have health insurance, but we would both have to make appointments, pay co-pays (after yearly deductible is met) to see the doctor, once the prescription is written, go to the pharmacy to fill it, and then pay retail (95-100% higher than the cost of Claritin in Washington State) for the prescription because it is deemed an over-the-counter drug by insurance plans. Traveling across the river to Washington is not easy either and is a 64-mile round trip to the closest pharmacy in Washington. We must coordinate our schedules to the day and time that we can both obtain the meds. If you arrive 5 minutes earlier than your monthly allocation – you are denied. All of this is a waste of time, energy and health care resources. The nationwide system that is in place works. If I did not live within 50 miles of the border I would have no choice but to spend more money than necessary for a simple allergy. Oregon should be a part of the “Meth database” as pharmacists call it. Please vote yes on HB 2303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorren Sandt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lorren Sandt