

HB 2609 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines position of a dental director. Authorizes dental directors including the director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority to access the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) if specific conditions are met. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House bill 2257 (2019)
- Consistency among medical directors and their ability to access PDMP
- Limiting state agencies access to the PDMP

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes ability of OHA dental director to access the prescription drug monitoring program.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 355 directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The program, designed to identify potential misuse, abuse, or diversion of prescription drugs, contains information provided by Oregon-licensed retail pharmacies, which submit prescription data for all Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances dispensed to Oregon residents. The protected health information is collected and stored securely, only accessible to authorized individuals. Prescription records include information on the dispenser, prescriber, and drug (i.e. name, quantity, days supplied, and refill information). In the fourth quarter of 2018, 17,141 prescribers wrote prescriptions for controlled substances with 449,165 queries in the PDMP.

In Oregon, pharmacies are required to report to the PDMP no more than 72 hours after dispensing a controlled substance, with most large chain pharmacies reporting daily. The PDMP only collects data from retail and mail-order pharmacy locations and does not collect data from inpatient care settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and skilled nursing facilities. Data collected in the PDMP is stored for three years from the date of dispensing.

Health care professionals authorized to access the PDMP, which is regulated by state law, include;

- prescribing health care practitioners;
- Medical and Pharmacy Directors in clinic, facility, and hospital supervisory positions;
- pharmacists – with Oregon Board of Pharmacy licensure;
- appointed delegates of prescribers, pharmacist, medical & pharmacy directors; and
- State Medical Examiner and designees.

In 2018, House Bill 4143 passed requiring health care professionals licensed to prescribe opioids and opiates to register with Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

House Bill 2609 allows dental directors to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

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PRELIMINARY