

## BACKGROUND INFO:

- In July 2006, Oregon became the first state to require a prescription for products containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, such as cold and allergy medications. Mississippi implemented a similar law in 2010. Both states experienced substantial reductions in the number of methamphetamine lab seizures shortly after the new laws went into effect.
- This was necessary legislation during a bad time in Oregon.
- Now we have technology that we didn't have then.
- Methamphetamine use is up due to the level of purity and inexpensive cost.

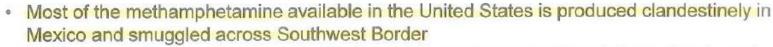




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### **2018 National Drug Threat Assessment**

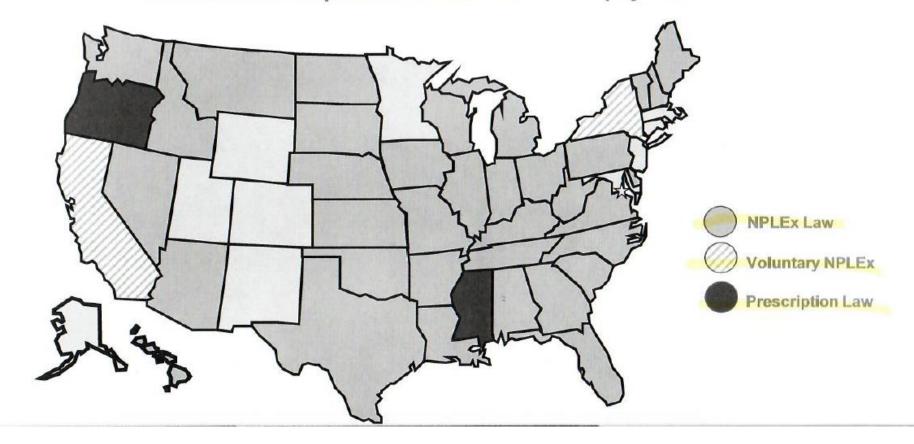




- Domestic production of methamphetamine continues to occur at much lower levels and seizures of domestic meth labs have continued to decline
- · Purity, potency, and price data indicate meth availability is increasing in the USA
- Imported meth purity levels averaged 90%
- Street meth price per pure gram of meth decreased 13.6% (\$70)
- Purity of street meth increased 6% to 93.2%
- Meth labs are at the lowest level in 15 years
- Domestic meth production has been decreasing since 2004
- Domestic meth production is at its lowest point since 2000
- Meth labs decreased nearly 78% from 2012-2017
- Domestic production will likely continue to decline as meth produced in Mexico continues to be a low cost, high purity, high potency alternative.



### State Reject Prescription Policies for PSE 35 states have adopted NPLEx at no cost to taxpayers



According to the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, electronic tracking and block of sales to those exceeding quantity limits is the most common approach states are using, with **37** states having taken this approach to regulate



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http://www.stopmethnotmeds.com/the-meth-problem/current-laws/

## A NEW TREND IN DRUG TRAFFICKING

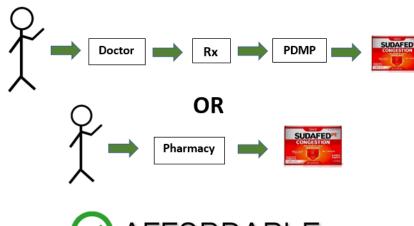
- On February 23, 2017 Multnomah County encountered it's biggest ever drug bust, consisting of more than 100 pounds of methamphetamine, equivalent to a \$2million street value.
- Inside the home, agents discovered several more pounds of crystal methamphetamine as well as canisters containing multiple pounds of liquid methamphetamine that was in the process of being converted into crystal methamphetamine.
- The drug raid shows the latest trends Mexican drug cartels are using to avoid detection...
- Rather than cooking crystal methamphetamine in Mexico and smuggling the finished product across the border, we are seeing a trend by the cartels to ship the liquid methamphetamine in vehicle gas tanks, car batteries and windshield wiper fluid compartments into the US where it is chemically converted into crystal meth.



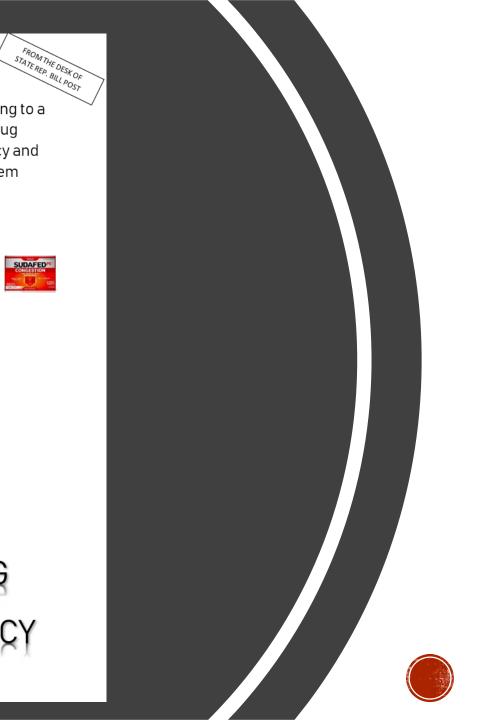




HB 2303A allows Oregonians to choose between going to a doctor/pharmacist using the PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitory Program) OR going directly to the pharmacy and purchase pseudoephedrine product via NPLEX system behind the counter.



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### VOTERS SUPPORT OTC PURCHASE OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE PRODUCTS

#### Support is strong across party lines and all demographics. Those younger than 65 years old are the strongest supporters.

Q59. As you may know, Oregonians are required to obtain a doctor's prescription for products that contain the drug pseudoephedrine, which is commonly sold in 'cough and cold' products such as Sudafed. This was done to fight the methamphetamine epidemic ravaging Oregon at the time the law was implemented in 2006. Would you favor or oppose repealing this law and allowing Oregonians with proper identification to purchase these products over-the-counter (without a doctor's prescription)?

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-60%

Oppose / Favor

20%

40%

31%

80%

57%

Repeal current law allowing Oregonians with proper ID to purchase -33% -20% pseudoephedrine over-the-counter

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# I urge an AYE vote for HB 2303A!

Thank you!