

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2678

Relating to prescription drugs

HB 2678 requires the Oregon Health Authority to maintain a preferred drug list for Medicaid fee-for-service drugs and a partially aligned preferred drug list for coordinated care organizations. The bill also requires certain prescriptions to be dispensed in generic form unless OHA grants prior authorization.

The amendment recommended by the Subcommittee requires OHA to grant prior authorization for a prescription if a practitioner provides sufficient evidence of the drug's clinical value for the patient's treatment regimen.

No budgetary changes are currently proposed as a result of this measure. The bill could result in net savings related to the alignment of the preferred drug list. This impact is currently indeterminate and will depend on the utilization of drugs on the preferred drug list and any administrative costs for implementing the measure.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2678 be amended by the -A10 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.