

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3397

Relating to prescription drugs

HB 3397 directs the Oregon Health Authority to enter into an agreement with a third-party purchasing agent to ensure the agency pays the lowest cost for prescription drugs for Medicaid enrollees. The bill also establishes the Oregon Medicaid Purchasing Cooperative as an advisory committee to help OHA identify opportunities to lower the cost of prescription drug purchases.

The Subcommittee recommended two changes to the bill. First, the provision related to OHA entering into an agreement with a third-party purchasing agent is changed from a requirement to a permissive action. Second, the recommendation includes a General Fund appropriation of \$111,128 to support the bill's estimated fiscal impact.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 3397 be amended by the -A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.