

# HB 2303



**\*Support the right to buy cold and allergy medication containing PSE\*  
without the need for a prescription**

## Background

- Pseudoephedrine is used for the temporary relief of stuffy nose and sinus pain/pressure caused by infection or other breathing illnesses such as hay fever, allergies, and bronchitis.
- Oregon is 1 of only 2 states (the other is Mississippi) to require of our resident's a doctor's visit and doctor's prescription to purchase cold and allergy medication containing the decongestant pseudoephedrine (PSE)
- 48 states currently allow PSE products to be sold behind the counter and of those 35 states have implemented laws similar to HB 2303 that utilize an electronic system to block illegal sales

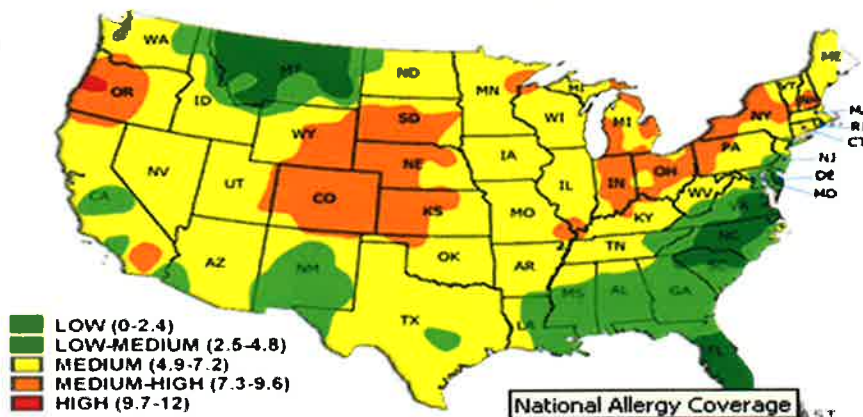
## What does HB 2303 do?

- Keeps PSE products placed **behind** the pharmacy counter
- PSE products can only be sold by a pharmacist or pharmacy technician
- Limits how much a person can buy to 3.6 grams in a day, and 9 grams in a month
- Instead, sales are governed by an electronic system that blocks the illegal sales of PSE products at the point of sale, before the product even leaves the pharmacy counter
- If a consumer so chooses, they will still be able to request a doctor's prescription for PSE products and will not be required to input information into the electronic system
- It's a system operated by the same company that currently operates Oregon's prescriptions drug monitoring program

## What about privacy?

- HB 2303 represents the most "private" bill among the 35 states that have adopted the electronic blocking system
- Unlike the 35 other states, Oregon will require a **subpoena** before law enforcement can review transaction records

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