A-Bill for an Act

Relating to gender disparities in cost of pharmaceuticals; and prescribing an effective date.

Whereas the cost of pharmaceuticals taken primarily by women is frequently more expensive than the cost of pharmaceuticals taken primarily by men; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, as part of the prescription drug transparency program described in ORS 646A.689, shall conduct a study of disparities in the cost of hormone replacement drugs between those for men and those for women.

(2) The department shall report the findings of its study to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than September 15, 2022. The report shall include recommendations for legislative changes, if necessary, to address disparities in the costs of hormone replacement drugs based on sex.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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