

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, and Rayfield, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

As an Oregonian who is deeply concerned about the cost of prescription drugs in our country, I am urging you to pass SB 764. It is far past time that our state prohibit prescription drug companies from paying to delay generic drugs from going to market.

PhRMA's efforts to deceive lawmakers about key bills that will lower prescription drug costs for people like me, my friends and neighbors in your district are very concerning. They want people to believe that they need to charge skyrocketing costs for research and development. But the truth is that they spend far more on marketing and advertising than R&D, and take advantage of the fact people need their medications to survive to charge whatever they want.

SB 764 is an important way we can hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable and ensure less expensive generic drugs go to market sooner, increasing Oregonians' access to life-saving medications.

Please support this bill, along with other key bills to lower the cost of prescription drugs in Oregon:

- SB 844: Create a prescription drug affordability board to limit price-gouging on critical medications
- SB 763: Hold Pharma sales reps accountable by requiring them to register with the state

We can't wait any longer to lower prescription drug prices. This issue is a TOP priority for Oregonians across the state. I ask that you pass SB 764, SB 844, and SB 763 without delay.

Thank you. Sincerely,  
Hazel Stratton