

**HB 2642 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires practitioner to query electronic prescription monitoring system in regards to patient prior to issuing an initial prescription, or renewing a previously issued prescription, for prescription drug that is subject to reporting to the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

All 50 states have prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) that maintain electronic databases of prescription drug information, allowing physicians and pharmacists access to information regarding a patient's prescription history and also allowing state tracking of practitioner prescribing practices. This tracking helps support the appropriate use of prescription drugs and can inform guidelines and efforts to improve addiction prevention and treatment. Current Oregon law requires practitioners to register with the PDMP, but do not require querying the electronic database before prescription or dispensation of reportable drugs. In its 2018 audit of Oregon's PDMP ("Constraints on Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Limit the State's Ability to Help Address Opioid Misuse and Abuse"), the Secretary of State recommended requiring a query of the PDMP database by both prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances. The Secretary of State cited evidence indicating that states mandating provider querying of a PDMP prior to prescribing a controlled substance have been effective in reducing opioid misuse and other related health outcomes, as well as an association with reduced crime rates.

House Bill 2642 would require practitioners to query the electronic prescription monitoring system in regards to the patient prior to issuing an initial prescription, or renewing a previously issued prescription, for prescription drugs that are subject to reporting to the prescription drug monitoring program.