

SB 411 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Patterson

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/20/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-1-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Campos, Hayden, Patterson, President Wagner

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows certain prescription drugs and non-prescription drugs to be disposed of at a hospital, medical, and infectious waste incinerator that is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) authorizes collection sites, including hospitals, pharmacies, and law enforcement facilities, to collect and safely dispose of unused or expired medications. Under Oregon Law, “covered drugs” includes prescription and non-prescription drugs, excluding drugs administered in a clinical setting, biologics, and other exceptions (ORS 459A.200). Oregon law allows covered drugs to be disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal facility or at a municipal solid waste incinerator that is permitted to accept pharmaceutical waste (ORS 459A.224).

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that drugs be disposed of at a hazardous waste combustor, but when that is not feasible, at a municipal waste combustor or at an authorized hospital, medical, and infectious waste incinerator.

Senate Bill 411 A allows for covered drugs to be disposed of, in addition to hazardous waste facilities, at a hospital, medical, infectious waste incinerator that is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.