

House Bill 3299

Sponsored by Representative DEXTER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires administrator of Oregon Prescription Drug Program to make bulk purchases of opioid reversal medications to distribute statewide to entities that serve vulnerable populations.

Establishes Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund as repository of moneys from specified sources to be used to make bulk purchases of opioid reversal medications.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to opioid reversal medications; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.320.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The administrator of the Oregon Prescription Drug Program shall, using**
5 **powers and duties prescribed in ORS 414.312, undertake bulk purchases of opioid reversal**
6 **medications for the purpose of expanding access to opioid reversal medications throughout**
7 **this state by entities that serve vulnerable populations, including but not limited to:**

8 (a) **Hospitals and emergency departments;**

9 (b) **First responders;**

10 (c) **Law enforcement agencies;**

11 (d) **Courts and other departments within the criminal justice system;**

12 (e) **Organizations that provide services to homeless individuals;**

13 (f) **Veterans' organizations;**

14 (g) **Religious organizations;**

15 (h) **Schools and universities;**

16 (i) **Substance abuse treatment and recovery facilities, including inpatient, outpatient,**
17 **residential facilities and sobering centers;**

18 (j) **Public libraries; and**

19 (k) **County public health or behavioral health agencies.**

20 (2) **To make the bulk purchases of opioid reversal medications under this section, the**
21 **administrator may use funds from the Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund**
22 **established in section 2 of this 2023 Act or from gifts, grants, bequests, endowments or do-**
23 **na-tions made for the purchase of opioid reversal medications from the Prescription Drug**
24 **Purchasing Fund established in ORS 414.318.**

25 **SECTION 2. (1) The Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund is established in**
26 **the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the**
27 **Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

28 (2) **The Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund consists of moneys received**
29 **by the Oregon Health Authority from opioid litigation settlements, grants from the Sub-**
30 **stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the United States Depart-**

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.

1 **ment of Health and Human Services for the purpose of addressing the opioid overdose**
2 **epidemic and appropriations from the Legislative Assembly.**

3 **(3) The moneys in the Opioid Reversal Medication Bulk Purchasing Fund are contin-**
4 **uously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of carrying out section**
5 **1 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3.** ORS 414.320 is amended to read:

7 414.320. The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules to implement and administer ORS
8 414.312 to 414.318 **and section 1 of this 2023 Act.** The rules shall include but are not limited to
9 establishing procedures for:

10 (1) Issuing prescription drug identification cards to individuals and entities that participate in
11 the Oregon Prescription Drug Program; and

12 (2) Enrolling pharmacies in the **Oregon Prescription Drug** Program.
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