

Testimony in Support of HB 2395

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This is Mark Jewell, M.D., a plastic surgeon in Eugene writing you to testify about HB 2395 Sponsored by Representative Drexler. I am a clinical professor of plastic surgery at OHSU and have been involved in the patient safety movement in plastic surgery since its inception.

It seems that Oregon is being flooded with fentanyl and there is very little public awareness of the extreme risk of fake pills and what to do in the case of an accidental overdose (naloxone). I have several patients who have lost young adult children from a one pill fentanyl overdose.

I authored a patient safety advisory on fake pills containing fentanyl for our members and patients (attached). One of the references has a link to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration site that shows examples of fake and legitimate pills.

I fully support HB 2395 as it relates to making the opioid-reversing drug Naloxone available to emergently treat opioid overdose to prevent death.

Best regards,

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