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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Nelson, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health Care:

I am Jessica Ventura, Legislative Director for Secretary of State Shemia Fagan. Secretary Fagan's mission is to build to build trust between the people of Oregon and state government so Oregon's public services can make a positive difference in peoples' everyday lives. The Audits Division is one of the most powerful tools the Secretary has to fulfill that mission, to make sure that Oregon's limited resources are making a real difference where they are needed most. I am submitting the following written testimony in support of HB 3258, which will require monitoring and reporting of prescription drugs classified in schedule V of the Federal Controlled Substances

In June of 2022, the Audits Division issued a Recommendations Follow-up Report related to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). One of our recommendations from this follow up report is to collect info on Schedule V controlled drugs. 42 states have adopted this practice, including Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and California. Oregon has not adopted this practice.



Each state operates their own PDMP, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages using these monitoring systems. The intent of the program is to promote public health & safety, improve patient care, and support the appropriate use of prescription drugs.

HB 3258 is a needed step to strengthen Oregon's fight against the opioid epidemic. I encourage your support and adopt the <u>-3 amendment</u>.

Thank you, Jessica Ventura Legislative Director

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