



Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Goodwin and Members of the House Health Committee,

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon's members are dedicated to addressing health crises, including the opioid epidemic. The osteopathic profession advocated for the development of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and remains supportive of this program an important tool to address this opioid abuse.

The requirements in HB 2642 are concerning as drafted. Under this bill, physicians utilizing an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) with PDMP data would have to log out of the EMR, log into the PDMP system and query the patient they are attempting to prescribe to, for every single drug that is reportable to the PDMP. The list of drugs reportable to the PDMP is quite broad, and much more extensive than just controlled substances. For example, naloxone is a reportable drug.

Prescribers are already required to register with the PDMP, and there have been many other systems improvements to the PDMP, including allowing the ability to delegate access to other staff. As such, we are concerned about the administrative burden that HB 2642 would create if it were to pass as currently drafted.

While OPSO is committed to safe prescribing and curbing the opioid epidemic, we are concerned that the bill as drafted will create unnecessary administrative burden and we are respectfully opposed to the bill as introduced.

Thank you for your consideration,

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