

HB 2318 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure tells the Oregon Health Authority to review studies that look at how extreme temperature changes during shipping can affect mail-order medicines.

Detailed Summary

- Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a literature review of peer-reviewed studies that evaluate the effects of extreme temperature changes on mail-order prescription medications during transit.
- Requires OHA to identify options to minimize patient risks related to temperature changes on mail-order prescriptions.
- Requires that OHA provide a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Mail-order pharmacies have grown in popularity in recent years. While these services offer convenience to patients, seasonal changes in weather may expose prescriptions to extreme changes in temperature while in transit. Concerns have been raised about the safety and efficacy of prescriptions exposed to temperature extremes during shipping.

House Bill 2318 requires the Oregon Health Authority to review studies that look at how extreme temperature changes during shipping can affect mail-order medicines and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026.