

HB 4131 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the State Board of Pharmacy (SBOP) to issue licenses to mobile pharmacy outlets and sets operation criteria for the mobile outlets. Takes effect the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary:

Sets the operating requirements for mobile pharmacy licensees.

- Requires mobile pharmacy applicants to have a physical pharmacy location at a critical access pharmacy, hospital, federally qualified health center, or county.
- Restricts mobile pharmacy licensees from operating for more than 10 consecutive days in one location or more than 14 consecutive days within the same five-mile radius.
- Becomes operative January 1, 2027.

Directs SBOP to establish rules for mobile pharmacy operation.

- Requires SBOP to issue licenses within 60 days of receiving an application.
- Directs SBOP to set exceptions to limitations on operations requirements.
- Permits SBOP to allow colocation of mobile pharmacies with mobile dental services.
- Permits SBOP to take actions before the operative date to enact measure provisions.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile health units deliver health care directly into communities to help individuals overcome common barriers they experience when attempting to access health care in traditional settings, including time, geography, and trust. [House Bill 4052](#) (2022) directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene a committee to provide guidance on establishing, funding, and operating a Mobile Health Unit (MHU) pilot program. A 2023 [environmental scan](#) identified at least 32 MHUs administering services in Oregon. MHUs in Oregon provide services including preventive and primary care, immunizations, urgent care, mental health services, and dental care.

House Bill 4131 establishes a mobile pharmacy program in Oregon and sets operation criteria for the licensed mobile outlets.