

HB 4131 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to issue licenses to mobile pharmacy outlets and sets operational criteria for those outlets. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary:

Specifies entities eligible for a mobile pharmacy license. Sets the operating requirements for mobile pharmacy licensees. Specifies standards for record maintenance, drug storage, and communications. Restricts mobile pharmacy licensees from operating for more than 10 consecutive days at a single location or for more than 14 consecutive days within the same five-mile radius. Directs the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to establish rules for mobile pharmacy operation, including exceptions to limitations on operation requirements and permitted co-location of mobile pharmacies with mobile dental services. Becomes operative January 1, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile health units deliver health care directly into communities to help individuals overcome common barriers to accessing 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 A establishes a mobile pharmacy program in Oregon and sets operational criteria for the licensed mobile outlets.