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TO: House Committee on Rules  
FR: Andrew Kiehlbauch, Campaign Associate, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG)  
RE: SB 1528

### **OSPIRG supports SB 1528**

Prescription drug costs are far too high. [Surveys OSPIRG has done have found that 1 in 3 Oregonians have skipped doses or not even filled their prescriptions because of cost.](#) These high costs hurt both our wallets and our health. And the problem is only getting worse. [Prescription drug prices have been rising much faster than inflation](#), likely pushing even more Oregonians to use less or even forgo medically necessary drugs.

To individual consumers who need high cost drugs, patient assistance plans can be very helpful. However, what they don't do is address the underlying cost of those prescription drugs. Because of this, we're interested in investigating the efficiency of patient assistance programs, as well as having the ability to compare them to other potential cost-reducing initiatives for prescription drugs.

SB 1528 will give analysts and decisionmakers valuable information so they can better evaluate the effectiveness of patient assistance programs. Currently, pharmaceutical manufacturers only have to report on patient assistance programs for drugs with large price increases. We believe that it's important to expand this reporting requirement to all drugs with these programs.

This also means manufacturers will have to publish information such as the number of refills the program offers, when the program expires, and the eligibility requirements for all drugs, not just ones with a price increase. This can help consumers make a decision about using these programs, and will make it easier for providers to give patients better information about their eligibility for and the duration of these programs.

Finally, we broadly support initiatives like this one that improve transparency in health care. Our health care system is exceedingly complex and nearly impossible for the average person to parse. The better we can understand what is too expensive and why, the better we can make health care more accessible for Oregonians.

**We urge you to support SB 1528.**