## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Health Care

MEASURE: CARRIER: SB 735 A Rep. Greenlick

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/15, 5/22

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies provision for administrator of Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) to perform any functions of program including, but not limited to, contracting. Adds Oregon Educators Benefit Board and Public Employees Retirement System to list of entities and persons who can participate in program. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Maximizing purchasing pool
- Inclusion of Medicaid in OPDP
- Use of pharmacy benefit manager

## EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Seventy-second Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill 875, that authorized the formation of the OPDP. In July 2006, the OPDP joined the Washington Prescription Drug Program (WPDP) to form the Northwest Prescription Drug Consortium. In November, 2006, voters elected to open the pool to all uninsured Oregonians. In spring 2007, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill 362, opening the pool to all Oregon businesses, labor organizations and the underinsured.

The OPDP was established in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to purchase prescription drugs or reimburse pharmacies for prescription drugs in order to receive discounted prices and rebates, make prescription drugs available at the lowest possible cost to participants in the program, and to maintain a list of prescription drugs recommended as the most effective prescription drugs available at the best possible prices.