



March 21, 2019

Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 3273

Dear Chair Salinas, Vice-Chairs Hayden and Nosse, and Representatives Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, and Prusak,

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) urge your support of House Bill 3273 to provide better access to kiosks for the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs.

Although many police stations and sheriff's offices have drug takeback kiosks, those are not the convenient locations that consumers are most likely to use. Thus, it is vital that we afford consumers with better and more convenient choices for the safe disposal of prescription drugs, including kiosks in pharmacies.

I have been working with Representative Schouten for a number of years developing a bill to implement a statewide drug takeback program in Oregon, as is already in place in the State of Washington. House Bill 3273 was the initial product of that work. However, many conversations and negotiations have occurred since then, in an effort to achieve consensus among the key stakeholders. At this time, we are very close to consensus amendments to the bill. Another key meeting will occur tomorrow morning. Hopefully, that meeting will achieve consensus. Stay tuned for more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Bovett".

Rob Bovett
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(on behalf of AOC/LOC/OSSA/OACP)