

HB 2609 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer**Senate Committee On Health Care****Action Date:** 04/15/19**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Brian Nieubuurt, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/15**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to disclose certain patient information from the prescription drug monitoring program to dental directors for specified purposes. Defines "dental director." Requires dental directors to certify that request of patient information is for the purposes of overseeing the operations of a dental clinic or office and ensuring the delivery of quality dental care.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prescription of controlled substances, including opioids by dentists

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 355 directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The program, designed to identify potential misuse, abuse, or diversion of prescription drugs, contains information provided by Oregon-licensed retail pharmacies, which submit prescription data for all Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances dispensed to Oregon residents. The information is protected, so it is collected and stored securely, and only accessible to authorized individuals. Prescription records include information about the dispenser, prescriber, and the drug (i.e., name, quantity, days supplied, and refill information). In the fourth quarter of 2018, 17,141 prescribers wrote prescriptions for controlled substances, about which there were 449,165 queries in the PDMP.

In Oregon, pharmacies are required to report to the PDMP no more than 72 hours after dispensing a controlled substance, with most large chain pharmacies reporting daily. The PDMP only collects data from retail and mail-order pharmacy locations and does not collect data from inpatient care settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and skilled nursing facilities. Data collected in the PDMP is stored for three years from the date of dispensing. Health care professionals authorized to access the PDMP include: prescribing health care practitioners; medical and pharmacy directors in supervisory positions with clinics, facilities, and hospitals; licensed pharmacists; individuals designated by prescribers, pharmacists, and medical and pharmacy directors; and the State Medical Examiner and designees. With the passage of House Bill 4143 in 2018, health care professionals licensed to prescribe opioids and opiates are now required to register with the PDMP.

House Bill 2609-A allows dental directors to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.