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Requested by Representative NOSSE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2689

On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 3, insert:

"Whereas United States citizens pay some of the highest prices for prescription drugs in the world, and the Canadian government estimated that U.S. consumers pay twice as much as Canadians for patented prescription drugs and 20 percent more for generics; and

"Whereas under the discretion of the United States Food and Drug Administration not to enforce the law, individual patients may import a 90-day supply of prescription drugs from Canada that are less expensive than drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and

"Whereas individual importation via the Internet increases consumer health and safety risks because many Internet pharmacies are not licensed in Canada and it is difficult to verify the validity, reputation, actual identity and pharmacy practices of foreign online pharmacies; and

"Whereas the United States allows patients to go to other countries for surgeries and other high-risk medical treatments without regulating that consumer purchasing activity and insurers sometimes facilitate and pay for foreign treatments; and

"Whereas the Food and Drug Administration estimates that currently 40 percent of finished prescription drug products are produced outside the U.S. and 80 percent of raw product for U.S. pharmaceutical manufacturing comes from outside the U.S.; and

"Whereas the Food and Drug Administration has just signed reciprocity agreements with European Union regulators to accept the results of European Union inspections of pharmaceutical manufacturing plants, and the Food and Drug Administration has had a Memorandum of Understanding for regulatory cooperation around pharmaceuticals with the Canadian regulatory authorities since 1973; and

"Whereas Canada has a rigorous regulatory system to license prescription drugs that is considered to be on par with the U.S. approval system; and

"Whereas Title II of the federal Drug Quality and Security Act (P.L. 113-54), Drug Supply Chain Security, has resulted in improvements in drug security and safety through a system of pharmaceutical track and trace that can be leveraged for safe importation; and

"Whereas the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services may certify a prescription drug reimportation program that is safe and saves consumers money; and

"Whereas Oregon can ensure that wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada into Oregon will be safe and cost-saving for Oregon consumers; and

"Whereas directing the State Board of Pharmacy to implement a wholesale drug importation program for the exclusive benefit of residents of Oregon benefits all Oregonians; now, therefore,".

In line 5, after "with" insert "the State Board of Pharmacy,".

On page 3, line 5, delete the second comma, insert a colon, begin a new paragraph and insert "(a)".

In line 6, delete the period and insert ";

"(b) An estimate of the annual cost of the program; and

"(c) An estimate of the annual cost savings to Oregon consumers as a result of the program.".

Delete lines 7 and 8 and insert:

"(2) If the report described in subsection (1) of this section estimates cost

savings to Oregon consumers from the program, no later than six months after submitting the report, the au-".