

Dear Members of the Committee:

Please pass HB 2648.

As a pediatric nurse at OHSU, it is not uncommon to see children with severe allergies.

I am a firm believer in keeping kids out of doctors offices and out of hospitals unless it is absolutely necessary. Kids feel safer and recover better at home which is why I am strongly in favor of this legislation that will remove the prescription requirement for widely used allergy and cold medications that contain pseudoephedrine.

Oregon is the only state in the country that has such a requirement and the burden falls upon patients, many of them children. Those kids who are suffering from severe allergy and cold symptoms should not have to wait until a slot opens up a doctors office before their parents can get them the relief that they need. They should be at home or at school rather than the places where people in scrubs and lab coats work.

Please support HB 2648 and help people of all ages who need allergy and cold medication get what they need in a timely manner.

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