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HB 4081, Opioid Overdose/Naloxone
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The Oregon Consumer League, Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens, and United Seniors of Oregon urge your support of House Bill 4081 to protect Oregonians from the devastating impact of opioid overdose.

We have worked for decades to protect Oregonians by educating consumers, promoting fair and ethical consumer response, and advancing consumer protection laws. As a part of that mission, we seek to protect more Oregonians from fatal opioid overdoses, especially given the number of seniors and people with disabilities who take opioids for pain management. With the opioid crisis continuing to claim lives at high rates, Oregonians need greater access to opioid overdose reversal medications, such as Naloxone.

House Bill 4081 would protect patients by requiring that pharmacists in Oregon offer a prescription for Naloxone alongside opioid prescriptions to prevent fatal overdoses, providing a readily-available, life-saving measure if needed.

We ask the House Health Care Committee to support and protect the safety of consumers, particularly at-risk members of our communities, by supporting House Bill 4081.