



## **Oregon Should Review the Costs of the Middlemen that Manage Medicaid Drug Benefits**

The Oregon State Pharmacy Association and Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists – both of whose members have been severely impacted by the business models of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) – urge your support for HB 4132.

**HB 4132** requires the Secretary of State to conduct an audit of practices and drug pricing mechanics of PBMs that contract with state agencies and report the findings to the Legislature by September 15, 2023. The benefits and tax dollar savings that have been achieved in a half-dozen states that have conducted these audits are summarized in several documents submitted to the committee.

We are talking about tens of millions of dollars that are manipulated behind the firewall of “business practices” by these companies. Oregon is losing money by the day without such scrutiny. Similarly situated states are discovering infractions ranging from \$42M up to \$120M.

We have submitted a couple of other articles that reviews the actions by several states including Ohio with regard to the questionable performance of PBMs. The increased role of these middlemen and the resultant higher costs to the health care system merit further scrutiny and HB 4132 would be the first step in that process. Thank you for your consideration.