

HB 3258 A -A5, -A7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with an information technology services vendor to provide secure communications between prescribers and pharmacies that participate in Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Requires a pharmacist, when filling a prescription for a controlled substance on behalf of an animal, to report the species, name, and sex of the animal to OHA. Allows the pharmacist to review prescription monitoring information about the animal and the individual who fills the prescription on behalf of the animal. Allows the pharmacist to share prescription monitoring information with the prescriber or a member of the prescriber's staff. Allows OHA to disclose prescription monitoring information, to the minimum extent necessary to fulfill the purposes of the program, with the director and staff of the state medical assistance program and prescription drug program, and with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Specifies that OHA may not disclose prescription drug monitoring information to a veterinarian. Specifies that naloxone, pseudoephedrine, and ephedrine are not subject to prescription monitoring. Adds to the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Commission one member who is a veterinarian. Allows the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, in consultation with OHA, adopt rules regarding prescription monitoring. Takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment sine die, with monitoring requirements related to animals becoming operative on January 1, 2025.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

House vote: Ayes, 42; Excused, 18

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A5 Removes provision that would add to the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Commission one member who is a veterinarian. Removes provision that would allow the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, in consultation with OHA, adopt rules regarding prescription monitoring.

-A7 Amendment to resolve conflicts.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) was established by the Legislative Assembly in 2011 with the goal of reducing the number of deaths in Oregon related to controlled substance, including the misuse of prescription drugs. The program requires pharmacies to submit prescription data to the PDMP system for all Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances, gabapentin, and naloxone. Licensed healthcare providers access the PDMP system to determine appropriate medications to prescribe.

Beginning in 2018, the Secretary of State's Oregon Audits Division has recommended inclusion of veterinarians in the PDMP as a strategy to limit opioid misuse and abuse ([link](#) to 2018 report). The Audits Division found that the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board's monitoring of controlled substances needs to be strengthened ([link](#) to 2019 report), and that including veterinarian prescriptions in the PDMP would provide insight about prescribing

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habits and pet owners obtaining controlled substances ([link](#) to 2022 report).

House Bill 3259 A requires a pharmacist, when filling a prescription for a controlled substance on behalf of an animal, to report the species, name, and sex of the animal to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and allows the pharmacist to share prescription monitoring information with the prescriber or a member of the prescriber's staff.