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TO: Chair Patterson, members of the Senate Committee on Health Care  
FROM: Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager, Jessica Pratt  
RE: Support HB 2395A

Dear Chair Patterson and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's county governments, I am writing to you today to urge your support for HB 2395A, the omnibus opioid harm reduction package.

Oregon's opioid epidemic is impacting urban, rural and frontier counties across the state and requires a coordinated statewide response for prevention, treatment and recovery.

HB 2395A will save lives by making overdose reversal medication more accessible and improve the public's awareness and ability to respond to overdose in the community. It will also improve the quality and timeliness of overdose data across the state, allowing counties to coordinate law enforcement, public health and behavioral health response more quickly when deadly batches of drugs arrive in a community.

AOC urges your support for HB 2395A and we thank you for your support for state-county shared services.

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