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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care

I am Jessica Ventura, Legislative Director for the Secretary of State's Office. I am submitting the following written testimony in support of <u>HB 3258- A</u>, which will require monitoring and reporting of prescription drugs classified in schedule V of the Federal Controlled Substances

In June of 2022, the Audits Division issued a <u>Recommendations Follow-up</u> <u>Report related to the Prescription</u> <u>Drug Monitoring Program</u> (PDMP). One of our recommendations from this follow up report is to collect info on Schedule V controlled drugs. 42 states have adopted this practice, including Washington,



Idaho, Nevada, and California. Oregon has not adopted this practice.

Each state operates their own PDMP, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages using these monitoring systems. The intent of the program is to promote public health & safety, improve patient care, and support the appropriate use of prescription drugs.

HB 3258-A is a needed step to strengthen Oregon's fight against the opioid epidemic. I encourage your passage of HB 3258-A.

Thank you, Jessica Ventura Legislative Director

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