

**HB 3226 A    STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hayden

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/13/25

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Campos, Hayden, Linthicum, Patterson, Reynolds

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/1, 5/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure includes pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAOs) in the definition of "pharmacy." It requires PSAOs to register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) as third-party administrators (TPAs), exempting specified PSAOs that are not owned by pharmacy benefit managers. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impacts of the measure.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAOs) serve as intermediaries between pharmacies and pharmacy benefit payers, including health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). PSAOs primarily serve independent and small-chain pharmacies by providing back-office support for administrative functions, including contract negotiation, regulatory compliance, audit and reimbursement assistance, credentialing, and data management. According to a 2024 report by Milliman, 87 percent of Oregon's independent pharmacies contract with a PSAO.

House Bill 3226 A includes pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAOs) in the definition of pharmacy and requires PSAOs to register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services as third-party administrators.