



House Committee on Behavioral Health & Health Care

**Testimony in Support of HB 2318**

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AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50+ to choose how they live as they age. AARP Oregon advocates on issues important to our more than 500,000 Oregon members with a focus on health security, financial resilience and livable communities.

AARP Oregon is pleased to testify in support of HB 2318. AARP is deeply committed to ensuring the safety of prescription drugs. Our members, and indeed all consumers, deserve to have confidence that the medications they rely on are safe and effective. Prescription drug safety is not just a matter of individual health; it is a public health imperative.

Safety concerns span the entire drug supply chain, from manufacturing to distribution to the point of sale. Each step in this chain presents potential risks that must be diligently managed. Whether it is contamination during production, mishandling during transportation, or counterfeit drugs entering the market, every link in the chain must be scrutinized to protect consumers.

HB 2318 aims to identify and address safety issues within the drug supply chain. It is imperative to uncover where problems exist and develop solutions that effectively address these issues. Importantly, we believe that these solutions should not impose unnecessary costs on consumers. It is vital that we find ways to enhance safety without making medications unaffordable for those who need them most.

AARP urges the committee to support HB 2318 as one way to develop clear policies that improve prescription drug safety. By doing so, we can ensure that all consumers have access to safe, reliable medications without bearing undue financial burdens.