



**TO: Chair Nosse
Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care**

FR: Mia Noren, Legislative Director, Northwest Grocery Retail Association

RE: Vote YES on HB 2057 - Streamlining 340B Billing

March 11, 2025

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson and members of the Behavioral Health and Health Care,

The Northwest Grocery Retail Association (NWGRA) is the leading voice for the grocery retail and supplier industry in the Pacific Northwest. Our 409 members in Oregon include both chain and independent retailers many of whom play a vital role in providing essential pharmacy services to communities across the state.

HB 2057 seeks to clarify and standardize the billing process for 340B drugs, reducing administrative burdens and ensuring continued patient access to affordable medications. The bill prohibits health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) from requiring prescription drug reimbursement claims to include a modifier or indicator identifying the drug as a 340B medication. A forthcoming amendment will further simplify compliance by keeping the bill specific to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) while allowing them to share necessary information through a clearinghouse.

Grocery pharmacies are essential community healthcare providers, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The current process for identifying a drug as a 340B prescription is cumbersome, time-consuming, and inconsistent, diverting valuable resources away from patient care. HB 2057 streamlines this process, allowing grocery pharmacies to focus on serving their communities rather than navigating complex billing requirements.

We urge you to support this important measure to simplify the 340B billing process and prohibit discriminatory payment practices.