

SJR 20: Prescription Drug Abuse

Summary of May 9 Discussion

Committee-approved requests

- Prepare a bill draft to allow doctors to report suspected violations of law to law enforcement, as allowed by HIPAA. MMA requests included an immunity provision; committee may want to consider as two bill drafts if 2/3 vote requirement would be triggered.
- Review LCCF01 for inclusion of language on tribal laws.
- Draft a letter to the congressional delegation suggesting that requiring state matching funds for federal grants related to prescription drug registries (or prevention efforts generally?) may make more state money available to support and enhance the efforts.
- Prepare a comparison of the Oklahoma and Montana prescription drug registry laws.

Committee Ideas for Further Discussion/Action

1. Review and consider recommendations for making the registry more usable.
 - a. Should the agenda include a public comment period to solicit suggestions?
 - b. Should the final report include a recommendation that the 2015 Legislature review this issue more closely?
2. Obtain more information about the costs of making improvements to the registry to make it more usable and to finish the scheduled enhancements. Would those improvements be made more quickly if there was more money available for the projects?
 - a. Should this be a presentation or a staff briefing paper?
3. Outline and obtain public comment on potential options for funding the registry.
 - a. Could this be a staff briefing paper followed by public comment?
4. Obtain more information on what could be done to improve the number of drug drop-off locations, including allowing drop-offs at pharmacies.
 - a. Should this be a presentation or staff briefing paper?
5. Obtain more information on the incentives that would encourage health care providers to use the registry, obtain education on pain management, or take other steps to reduce prescription drug abuse.
 - a. Should this be an open public comment period or staff research?
6. Consider changing the timeline for reporting information to the registry.
 - a. Should the agenda include a public comment period to solicit suggestions for an appropriate reporting requirement?
7. Look at electronic prescribing.
 - a. Should a bill draft be prepared for public comment and committee discussion?