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Prescription Drug Price Transparency Passes Oregon Senate

Senate Bill 192 will help Oregon families and seniors afford medication by implementing the Prescription Drug Affordability Board's recommendations

SALEM, Ore - Today the Oregon State Senate passed <u>Senate Bill 192</u>, which implements the Prescription Drug Affordability Board's recommendations to increase prescription drug price transparency and affordability.

The bill requires pharmacy benefit managers, companies that handle prescription medicines, to report the money they receive from drug manufacturers. The bill also changes how the Prescription Drug Affordability Board works by expanding its membership and improving the information it receives.

"Oregonians shouldn't have to choose between paying for prescriptions or putting food on the table," **said Senator Patterson (D-Salem), the bill's chief sponsor.** "This is a crucial step towards fixing our prescription drug affordability crisis. This is a huge win for Oregonians in every corner of our state, especially seniors living on a fixed income."

Oregon Senate Democrats' <u>2023 Oregon Works agenda</u> prioritizes making medications more affordable for Oregon families and seniors.

SB 192 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, SB 192 now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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