

Third time's the cure

"Sudafed Bill" sails through legislative approval

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Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, had one, all-caps answer when asked how he felt about the passage of a bill he sponsored to relax laws on dispensing pseudoephedrine, the medication that helps reduce allergy symptoms.

"RELIEF," said Post via email.

House Bill (HB) 2648, which was approved by the Oregon House of Representative in April and passed through the state Senate with a 27-2 vote Monday, June 7, makes the drug available to customers over the age of 18, with proper identification, and after recording some patient information. The medicine would still be kept behind the counter.

If signed by Gov. Kate Brown, Oregon residents won't have to travel to another state for allergy relief in more than 15 years.

"Passing the Sudafed Bill means everything to me. I have worked tirelessly to get that passed since I first got into the Legislature. I have to thank all of my colleagues who joined me in voting, 'yes,' to lowering health care costs and making a



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common sense decision in moving these common cold medicines back to where they belong, behind the counter without a prescription," he said.

Post's first attempt to pass a similar bill was in 2017, but the effort never made out of the committee level. In 2019, another bill progressed to a Senate vote, but altered so much in the process that Post himself turned against it.

"Knock on wood, this has been by far my most successful legislative session in my time in the House," Post said.

HB 2644, which honors Atomic War Cleanup Veterans and calls for them to receive enhanced Veteran's Administration benefits, and HB 2650, which allows police dogs injured in the line of duty to be transported via ambulance as long as a human isn't in need, also earned approval from

Legislators. Post was a chief sponsor on both bills.

A fourth bill that would have lane permitted sharing for motorcycles passed, but was vetoed by the governor.

"HB 3047 that makes doxing illegal and it looks like HB 2646, the Kratom Act, HB 2387 CASA funding, and HB 2607, a tax relief for wildfire victims all will pass out of Ways and Means," Post said.

The Kratom Act would establish regulations for kratom products, including testing standards, labeling requirements and minimum age for sale. Kratom is derived from a plant and used by people suffering from withdrawal symptoms from certain substances and to cope with some mental health conditions. The FDA has warned against its usage and it is banned in some states.

VOLUNTEER of the Week

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Where and how do you volunteer?

"Currently I volunteer at the Keizer/Salem Senior Center and have served on their board for five years, including being the president for the last two. I also sing with an amazing group of caring, compassionate women called Threshold Singers; we sing at the bedside of hospice patients. While we have had to put our in-person visits on hold this past year, we have continued to practice and hope to be able to return to bedside singing within the next few weeks. And I drive/deliver for Meals On Wheels. (I worked on the Big Toy build at KRP. And my husband and I took a "shift" watching over the scenery and props for Keizer Homegrown Theatre's outdoor production. And we've volunteered for the Iris Festival.)"

Why do you volunteer?

"I volunteer because I believe in giving back to and supporting our community."

What does volunteering do for you?

"It brings me joy, a sense of pride and belonging in our community. A sense of accomplishment. Whatever I give to the community is returned to me 10 fold in the smiles of the people I volunteer for and with."

How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"I would tell them if they're interested in volunteering to start with something they know. Are you a good organizer? Do you have handyman skills? Do you enjoy gardening? Can you answer a phone? There is a place for you!"



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DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED

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USE OF MOBILE DEVICE

Melissa Ashley Gilmore, \$235; Jessica Ann Scholl, \$235.

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Rosa Guajardo, \$265; Delbert Joseph Handsaker, \$265; Mark David Pekkola,

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SPEEDING

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FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

Lon William Ball, \$235.

ASK MR. TRASH

Q. I heard about China's ban on recycling. What IS recyclable now?

Please keep the following good recyclables empty, clean & dry:

- Cardboard and uncoated greyboard boxes (Shipping & cereal type). No frozen food boxes!
- Print-quality paper - newspaper, junk & office paper, and magazines
- Tin & Aluminum Cans Only - NO foil, trays, or scrap metal
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only - NO bags, tubs, clamshells, bubble Pak, or other plastics.

A. Be very careful to only recycle the things on your hauler's approved list.

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