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“Every Oregonian should be able to access the medications and treatments that allow them to live healthy, productive

When the price of a prescription drug increases greater than 10 percent, the bill requires the manufacturer to report the reasons to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, including information related to the cost of production, advertising, marketing and research. The manufacturer also must disclose their profits from the drug and whether generic alternatives are available. Manufacturers face civil

Insurance companies also are required to report the 25 most expensive prescription drugs in their plans, which ones have increased the most and how those costs affect premiums.

Between 2013 and 2015, national spending on prescription drugs increased by about 20 percent and accounted for an estimated 17 percent of health care spending, accord-

“Too many people in our community are making hard choices between paying for medications or food and rent,” said Vida resident Nancy Plemons, a patient who testified

The bill was sponsored by state Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland, Rep. Ron Noble, R-McMinnville, Sen. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, and Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield.

"We have a servant attitude," Gibson said. "We just want to help."

Franz said the state has a “tremendous” problem with derelict boats. The new facility, she said, would be an example of “taking a challenge and turning it into an opportunity” that would benefit the local economy and the environment.



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