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Brief Description: Making prescription drugs more available.

HB 2068 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to: (1) Develop a comprehensive prescription drug education and utilization system in Washington state that will ensure best prescribing practices and pharmaceutical use, reduce administrative burdens on providers, increase consumer understanding of and compliance with appropriate use of prescription drugs, help to control increases in consumer and state health care spending, and improve prescription drug purchasing through a sound evidence-based process that evaluates the therapeutic value and cost-effectiveness of prescription drugs; and

(2) Develop a program to promote access to affordable prescription drug coverage to low-income aged or disabled persons who do not otherwise have adequate coverage to purchase necessary and appropriate prescription drugs.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.