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Sponsor(s): Senators Deccio and Thibaudeau; by request of Governor Locke

Brief Description: Making prescription drugs more available.

**SB 5406 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to develop a program to promote access to affordable prescription drug coverage to low-income persons who do not otherwise have adequate coverage to purchase necessary and appropriate prescription drugs.

Establishes a program to be known as the medicaid senior prescription drug program. Neither the benefits of, nor the eligibility for, the program is considered to be an entitlement.

Declares that eligibility for this program is limited to persons: (1) Who are age sixty-five and older; (2) whose family income does not exceed two hundred percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the federal department of health and human services; (3) who do not otherwise have insurance that provides prescription drug coverage; and (4) who otherwise are eligible under Title XIX and the state's federal prescription drug waiver program.