

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6526

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Reusing and donating unexpired prescription drugs.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Hasegawa, Keiser, Van De Wege and Wilson, C.).

Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: The Department of Corrections (DOC) provides medically necessary health and mental health care to incarcerated individuals at all DOC facilities in the state. Pharmacy services are provided from a central pharmacy located in Centralia and prescription drugs are shipped to facilities across the state.

A pharmacy may not accept for return prescription drugs after they have been taken from the premises where sold, distributed, or dispensed, except under limited circumstances. A pharmacy may accept for return drugs legally dispensed by prescription in unit dose forms, or in sealed single or multiple-dose ampoules or vials where the pharmacist can readily determine that entry or attempted entry has not been made, and which meet United States Pharmacopeia for storage conditions.

Under the Prescription Drug Donation Program, a practitioner, pharmacist, medical facility, drug manufacturer, or drug wholesaler may donate prescription drugs and supplies to a pharmacy for redistribution without compensation. When redistributing donated drugs, priority is given to patients who are uninsured and have an income of 200 percent of the federal poverty level or less. A drug may only be donated if it was stored under required temperature conditions using the drug's time and temperature indicator information, and the donor has completed and signed a donor form to release the drug for distribution and certifies the drug has never been opened, used, adulterated, or misbranded.

Summary: The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission must promulgate rules allowing the DOC pharmacy to accept returns of unit dose packages, or full or partial multiple dose medication cards, from the facilities it serves and reuse the unexpired medication.

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission may adopt rules to allow for the safe donation of prescription drugs, including but not limited to allowing pharmacy to pharmacy donations.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 47 0

House 96 0

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