



***Oppose SB 355!***  
***Creating a Pharmacy Database Would***  
***Put Personal Medical Data at Risk!***

**SB 355 A-Eng. proposes a government-run database that will violate the privacy of millions of law-abiding Oregonians by allowing the Oregon Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to monitor and database your lawful personal prescription information if you take any schedule II, III & IV drugs, including prescription pain medications, anxiety and sleep medications and Ritalin.**

The Virginia pharmacy database was breached on 4/30/09, exposing millions of Virginians to medical identity theft. The database includes names, addresses and specific prescription information, which in the wrong hands can be used to target individuals and their homes.

**ACLU urges the Oregon Legislature to reject this proposal. The benefits do not outweigh the risk to Oregonians.**

BOP has not taken into account the necessary costs to manage appropriate security and privacy controls, budgeting only \$200k for an out-of-state vendor operated database.

BOP is not a covered entity under HIPAA, so there's no protection of our private medical information once it's given to BOP.

BOP made itself completely immune in SB 355 A-Eng. even if it mishandles or misuses your information; you have no recourse!

BOP expects to database over 5 million prescriptions a year. Many of us have similar or identical names. If you are wrongfully identified and denied critical medicine, BOP is not required to fix the record. Similar to the no-fly list – you may not be able to get off.

Pharmacies and providers can get a database report on every single customer and patient (regardless of what drug you are getting). This will permit inappropriate snooping.

There's been no nationwide evidence-based evaluation that these programs actually work.

**TAKE ACTION TODAY AND CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS  
AND TELL THEM YOU OPPOSE SB 355**