



Performance Note
HB0163S03 - Prescription Drug
Importation Program
Sponsor: Rep. Thurston, Norman K.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Health

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Study, design and implement a wholesale Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Services: Assist Utahns with lower prescription costs.

Expected Outcome:

Access to lower cost, same quality prescriptions for Utahns

Implementations and Resources: In the study and startup phase the Department will need to hire or keep on contract consultants to provide the Department with expertise not currently available. Once the program is approved, the Department will need to hire approximately 4 new staff members to oversee and run this new program as well as 5 new auditors to perform the audits needed and required by the bill. New space will be needed to house these employees.

How: During the study and startup phase, Department staff will procure qualified consultants to complete the study and application and to oversee the consulting contract. Contracted consultants will complete the bulk of the work required in these phases. As available and needed, Department staff may also assist the consultant with the preparation and submission of applications and establishing the program. Once the program is approved, Department staff will do the required work (other than auditing) called for by the bill. The auditors will perform the auditing duties as described in the bill. All upfront costs will need to be funded by state funds or grant funds. The bill allows for fee collection to recoup the cost of establishing and operating the program, but until the initial study is completed and the program is designed, it is unclear how the fees would be set in order to recoup the costs from fees.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Apply for grant funds.

Description: Seek out and submit applicably forms to request grant funds to cover the study of the importation program.

Collection Method: Departmental personnel will seek every opportunity to apply for grant funds. Applications to such grants will be maintained.

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| Done | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Baseline | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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