

The Board of Pharmacy is responsible for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and will have costs directly related to the program. However, actual costs will depend on several factors, including the cost to contract for technology services.

The Board of Pharmacy notes that 38 other states currently have some type of electronic prescription monitoring program for certain prescription drugs, and that there are electronic statewide data systems that can be acquired. There are three potential data system vendors. The data system would be made available to pharmacies and other drug dispensers so that they could input the required prescription drug data. The Board has estimated that it might need a full-time Project Manager, and a half-time Pharmacist. The Pharmacist will provide advice and investigation services related to the implementation and ongoing oversight and management of the program. The estimated 2009-11 cost for staff is \$274,000. The total cost for the program, depending on information technology and other costs, and the expenses of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Committee, is approximately \$685,000 Other Funds.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs awarded a \$350,000 federal grant to the Board to develop a prescription drug monitoring program for Oregon. The grant was approved by the Emergency Board in January 2004 and awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice in July 2004. The original grant period ended July 31, 2005, but has been subject to annual extensions since 2005. The expenditure of the entire grant requires state enabling legislation in the form of this measure. Similar measures during the 2005 and 2007 Legislative Sessions failed to become law (SB 180 and SB 34). Without the enactment of such legislation, only \$50,000 of the grant can be expended for planning purposes. The agency has expended \$33,711 of the Federal Funds, leaving a balance of \$316,289 for this program. The Board indicates that it may apply for further federal program improvement grants if this bill is enacted.