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Report of the House Health and Human Services Subcommittee on HB 2820

The Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Don Hill with members Rep. Willa DeCastro and Rep. Tom Holland, met twice with representatives and staff of the Board of Pharmacy and representatives of various parts of the prescription drug industry. After a thorough discussion of the various policy issues presented in 2006 HB 2820 and in 2005 HB 2397, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations:

- Introduction of a substitute bill to replace the contents of SB 217 (the substance of which was enacted by the 2005 Legislature) with requirements for licensing of wholesale distributors, as that term is defined in HB 2820.
- Inclusion in the substitute bill of a requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy undertake a study that will result in a report and recommendations to the 2007 Legislature. The scope of the study would be such that the Board would be able to present to the Legislature a plan, including a recommendation for necessary legislation, for implementing a prescription drug distribution documentation mechanism (commonly referred to as a pedigree system). The plan would have to address both policy and practical aspects of implementing, monitoring and regulating participants in the state's prescription drug distribution system. The plan also would have to address, to the extent possible, the use of technology to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the plan for the Board and for its licensees.

The Subcommittee would like to recognize the effort of all participants in its deliberations. Representatives and members of the Board of Pharmacy, representatives of various tiers of the prescription drug manufacturing, distribution and retailing system and many other interested persons contributed to the fruitful discussion enabling the Subcommittee to reach its conclusions and make this recommendation. The Subcommittee looks forward to an equally productive outcome of the Board's efforts over the next few months and to receipt of the Board's report next January.

Resectively Submitted,

Representative Don Hill, Subcommittee Chairman
Representative Willa DeCastro
Representative Tom Holland