



Senator Michele Reynolds - 3rd District
Senate Health Committee
Senate Bill 95 (Telepharmacy Bill) - Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for allowing me to give proponent testimony on SB 95, regarding the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies using a telepharmacy system. A telepharmacy system facilitates the remote dispensing of drugs and allows a pharmacist to provide drug-related utilization review and patient counseling services via electronic methods.

This legislation was written with the cooperation of the Ohio Pharmacy Board to expand and modernize pharmaceutical access across the state in both rural and underserved populations. SB 95 will maintain current oversight standards for the supervision of staff and pharmacy operations, while enabling remote capability with rule-making authority in accordance with the Ohio Pharmacy Board.

This bill will set a framework to ensure patient safety while placing controls such as the restriction limit of 150 scripts per day on a ninety-day average, appropriate reporting, satisfying a sixty-day data retention requirement, two technicians required in the remote dispensing pharmacy at a time, and specified compliance requirements.

Similar to the 28 other states that have adopted measures to ensure pharmaceutical access for those traditionally left behind, SB 95 will allow Ohioans in all 88 counties access to treatment via telepharmacy and reduce the cost of health care. Thank you, Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee. I will be happy to answer any questions.