

HB 267 (Thurston, N)

Prescription Drug Importation Program

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact for 7/2019-6/2020 State risk pool plan year.

HB 163 calls for the creation of a program to import select prescription drugs from Canada to reduce the cost of these products paid by Utah consumers. The potential fiscal impact of the legislation for the State Health Insurance Pool cannot be calculated based on available information. However, we have provided the published cost of potentially imported products and compared current list prices in Canada and the US.

US Brand name	US list price ¹	Canadian Brand name ²	Canadian list price ²	Canadian price converted to US rate ³	Cost difference
Advair 250/50	\$472.20	Advair 250/50	\$143.52	\$109.00	\$363.20
Jardiance 25 mg (#30 tablets)	\$591.30	Jardiance 25 mg (#30 tablets)	\$80.10	\$60.61	\$530.69
Humalog (one 10 mL vial)	\$329.60	Humalog (one 10 mL vial)	\$29.64	\$22.43	\$307.17
Novolog (one 10 mL vial)	\$347.20	NovoRapid (one 10 mL vial)	\$29.90	\$22.63	\$324.57
Lantus (one 10 mL vial)	\$340.20	Lantus (one 10 mL vial)	\$61.69	\$46.68	\$293.52

1. US list price is published average wholesale price provided to PEHP by Express Scripts obtained on Feb. 6, 2019
2. Canadian name and prices obtained on Feb. 6, 2019 from:
<http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/SearchFormulary>
3. Canadian dollars converted using an exchange rate of \$1.00 Canadian dollar = \$0.76 US dollars on Feb. 6, 2019

Based on the cost difference between US and Canadian prices, importing selected products from Canada should significantly reduce costs for the State Pool.

Savings to the State Pool would depend on the drugs that are imported, the end cost of each product, and inclusion of discounts obtained from manufacturer or pharmacy benefit manager (PBM).