

HB 163 (Thurston, N) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

No Negative Fiscal Impact to the State Health Insurance Pool;
Insufficient Information to Estimate Positive Financial Impact

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	Canadian Brand Name ¹	US List Price ²	Canadian List Price ³	Difference (US list price – Canadian List Price)
Advair 250/50	Advair 250/50	\$472.20	\$79.04	\$348.16
Jardiance 25mg (30 tablets)	Jardiance 25mg (30 tablets)	\$557.70	\$63.02	\$498.08
Humalog (10ml vial)	Humalog (10ml vial)	\$329.60	\$22.87	\$306.73
Novolog (10ml vial)	NovoRapid (10ml vial)	\$330.70	\$23.67	\$307.03
Lantus (10ml vial)	Lantus (10ml vial)	\$307.10	\$49.51	\$257.59

1 Canadian names and prices obtained from the Government of Saskatchewan at:

<http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/default.aspx>. Accessed January 12, 2018.

2 US list price obtained from published AWP (average wholesale price) obtained on January 12, 2018 and provided to PEHP by Express Scripts.

3 Canadian dollars converted to US dollars with an exchange rate of \$1 Canadian=\$0.80 US on January 12, 2018.

Based on the cost difference between US and Canadian prices, importing selected products from Canada should reduce costs for the State Pool, even though the State Pool receives lower, discounted rates from those reported above. 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).