

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Clem, Krummel
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Meeting Dates:	5/14, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that school district boards adopt policies and procedures relating to self-administration of medication by students with asthma or severe allergies. Exempts certain school personnel from liability in criminal action or for civil damages when assisting student to self-medicate under written permission from student's parent, guardian or health care professional. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Asthma and severe allergies
- Need for medication and fast action in emergency health situations for children at school
- Forms of dispensing medication
- Work of school nurses and school secretaries and students' medication
- Written treatment plan for students from Oregon licensed health care professional

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies the definitions of asthma and medication, deletes language requiring student to demonstrate to the school staff person designated to administer medication to students the skill level necessary to use the medication device and self-administer the medication, and requires that student's parent/guardian provide medication for student and emergency backup medication in school office.

BACKGROUND: Asthma is reportedly the most common chronic disease among children. An estimated 10% of any school population may experience symptoms. Some students only need medication when experiencing symptoms, while others require daily medication to maintain control.

SB 1040 was drafted to include both severe allergies and asthma, in contrast to other bills which only included asthma.

The Senate Education and General Government Committee gave SB 1040 a Do Pass recommendation with a 4-0-1 vote, and it passed the Senate 30-0.