

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands definition of public and private officials subject to child abuse reporting requirements to include pharmacists.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 legislature included pharmacists within the definition of health care provider. However, pharmacists were not added to the list of professionals required to report child abuse. HB 2686 adds pharmacists to the list of those required to report child abuse and in doing so extends to them the protection against civil and criminal liability for reporting abuse when the report is made in good faith.