

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass

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Meeting Dates: 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Board of Education to adopt rules for administration of premeasured doses of epinephrine and to adopt guidelines for management of students with life-threatening food allergies. Specifies reporting requirements, personnel requirements, and requirement to manage students with life-threatening food allergies. Directs school district boards to adopt policies and procedures based on guidelines adopted by State Board of Education. Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish registration system to authorize public and private entities to store multiple premeasured doses of epinephrine. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No ability for schools to get epinephrine autoinjectors; individuals, such as school nurses, must be trained and acquire the autoinjectors personally.
- Importance of time and immediate access to an autoinjector in an emergency involving an anaphylactic reaction
- Broad scope of measure, specifically dealing with both Rules and Guidelines, as enabling variety in implementation based upon situation and best practices for each individual school

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies reporting requirements, personnel requirements, and requirement to manage students with life-threatening food allergies.

BACKGROUND: The measure stems from constituent concern regarding access to epinephrine in school facilities. Epinephrine is used to treat some allergic reactions. It is typically packaged for use in the form of an epinephrine autoinjector, commonly known as an “EpiPen.”