

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	Weidner
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/1, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) adopt by rule certification procedures and criteria for school-based health care centers (SBHCs). Requires OHA convene work groups to recommend best practices. Authorizes OHA to contract with entity that coordinates SBHC care. Defines SBHC as health clinic on school grounds providing primary, preventative, behavioral and oral health care and health education services through licensed or certified health professionals or students enrolled in a professional medical, nursing or dental program. Requires OHA provide stable, consistent and predictable funding for SBHCs. Requires OHA to create pool of funds to increase number of SBHCs which act as patient-centered primary care facilities without requiring certification and improve delivery and coordination of care. Requires OHA convene work group to develop recommendations for effective and coordinated use of SNHCs for children who qualify for medical assistance. Requires OHA report on progress to interim committee on or before December 31, 2013. Sunsets work group on January 2, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of poor health on learning
- Health care delivery at schools
- Current relationships between SBHCs and coordinated care organizations
- Service opportunities for professional students
- Continuing expansion of SBHCs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are medical clinics on the grounds of public schools and staffed by primary care professionals that provide comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services for students, regardless of their ability to pay. SBHCs are designed to increase access to healthcare resources for adolescents and youth, a group with traditionally low access to health care service. There are currently 63 SBHCs operating in 21 Oregon counties.

House Bill 2445-A creates additional criteria designed to increase access to care and ensure funding and consistent quality of care in SBHCs.