

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 03/09/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways
And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/11, 03/09

Vote:
Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse
Nays: 1 - Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds to finance \$4 million in grants from Department of Education to school districts to pay for acquisition, construction or improvement of school-based health centers. Establishes the Oregon School-Based Health Center Construction Grant Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2011-12 federal capital grants for school-based health centers (SBHCs) in Oregon
- Importance of bonding authority
- SBHCs and access to health care
- SBHCs and public health
- Positive impacts on students and education outcomes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Specifies a \$4 million other fund allocation.

BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are primary care clinics located on primary and secondary school campuses. SBHCs are a public health model of a pediatric clinic, and operate through public-private partnerships. Generally, they are an integrated practice that provides primary, behavioral, preventive and mental health services.

In 2011-12, federal funds were made available for SBHC capital construction grants. Oregon benefited from these funds, with approximately \$370,000 having been distributed to 20 sites in 12 counties. In October 2014, the Oregon Health Authority SBHC Program conducted a needs assessment, surveying 26 public health departments to identify the interest in a new SBHC development.