

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**MEASURE: HB 3041**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Buehler**  
**Rep. Keny-Guyer**

**House Committee On Health Care**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/11/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/11

**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs school districts to allow students to wear sun-protective clothing and sunscreen. Specifies that nonprescription sunscreen is not a medication. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Personal experiences with skin cancer
- Oregon's melanoma/skin cancer statistics
- Melanoma and the younger generation
- Sun exposure education and outreach efforts
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations
- Not a mandate for school districts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Childhood over-exposure to ultra-violet (UV) radiation is a leading cause of skin cancer. More than 40 percent of an individual's lifetime UV exposure occurs within the first 20 years of life. Young people spend a substantial proportion of their lives in schools, and some of that time is spent outside during the sunny hours of the day. Skin cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer in the U.S., and is also the most preventable. Practicing sun-safe behavior is an effective way to prevent cancer. Oregon has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest incidence rate of melanoma – and the 4<sup>th</sup> highest death rate from melanoma – in the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends three methods for sunburn prevention: sun avoidance, protective clothing and sunscreen use.

House Bill 3041 allows students to apply and use nonprescription sunscreen and to wear sun protective clothing during school hours and at school-sponsored activities.