

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Education

MEASURE: SB 79 A
CARRIER: Sen. Hass

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/31/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 03/12, 03/31

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and uses of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to students. Requires instruction be based on current, nationally recognized emergency cardiac care guidelines. Specifies acceptable instructors. Exempts students of virtual schools and students who are unable to participate by reason of disability from hands-on practice requirements. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impacts of hands-only CPR on survival rates
- Legislation in other states
- Examples of existing voluntary training in Oregon
- Cost of training per student
- Potential of community collaborations to lower costs
- Lawsuit potential

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Removes requirement that instruction be based on American Heart Association guidelines. Requires that instruction be based on any current, nationally recognized emergency cardiac care guidelines. Allows for instruction as part of physical education or health curriculum. Allows exemption from hands-on practice requirements for virtual schools.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1033 (2010) came into effect January 1, 2011, and required schools to have AEDs on their premises. Senate Bill 375 (2013), which remained in committee on *sine die*, proposed to require that students receive training in CPR and the use of AEDs in order to receive a high school diploma.

Senate Bill 79-A requires that school districts provide instruction in CPR and the uses of AEDs to students in grades seven through 12, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. The bill requires that the instruction include hands-on practicing of CPR, with specified exemptions, and be based on current, nationally recognized emergency cardiac care guidelines.