

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 875 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules under which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to students experiencing adrenal crisis.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Board of Pharmacy, Board of Nursing, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$53,704	
Total Funds	\$53,704	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.25	

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to students experiencing adrenal crisis. Training of school personnel is to be conducted by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner. The bill permits trained individuals, who receive medication from the parent or guardian of a student with adrenal insufficiency, to administer such medications if the student is suffering an adrenal crisis in an emergency situation when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available. School Districts are only required to have school personnel trained when a parent or guardian notifies the district that a student has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency.

OHA anticipates the need for a limited-duration Public Health Educator 2 position for 6 months (0.25 FTE) to convene stakeholder meetings, establish protocols, develop training forms such as certification documents for use by the trainers and schools, as well as communicate this information to schools and trainers. This position is estimated to cost \$53,704 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium. It is assumed that the training materials will be posted to an existing website, therefore no additional costs for printing or distribution have been included in this analysis.

Costs to the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Board of Pharmacy, and the Oregon Board of Nursing associated with rulemaking are considered to be minimal and absorbable within the existing parameters of the agencies budgets.

School Districts report a potential to incur increased costs, although these costs are not quantifiable at this time, associated with an increase in liability related to the administration of medications for adrenal insufficiency.