

HB 2408 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/12/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5-4-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 4 - Buehler, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$995,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority beginning July 1, 2017 for planning and establishing school-based health centers, including retaining community-based technical assistance and for the operation of new school-based health centers. Appropriates \$3,000,000 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education beginning July 1, 2017 to distribute to school districts and education service districts to increase access to school-based mental health providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The establishment and operations of health care facilities in schools
- Positive impact of having access to health care for students
- Integration of mental health services within the schools
- Importance of having social workers on site
- Trauma informed schools
- Role that school-based centers play in the community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) have existed in Oregon since 1986 and succeed through unique public-private partnerships between the Oregon Public Health Division, school districts, county public health departments, public and private practitioners, parents, students and community members. Currently there are approximately 70 SBHCs throughout Oregon. SBHCs are a health care model for comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services provided to youth and adolescents either within a school or on school property. With access to health care in a school setting, SBHCs help to reduce barriers such as cost, transportation, and other concerns.

Each SBHC is staffed by a primary care professional who may be a doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, other medical or mental health professionals and support staff, such as a receptionist. The centers are comfortable and accessible to encourage kids to either make an appointment to come in or to drop by when they need medical attention and/or want to learn more about health issues.