



To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: Senate Bill 665-1
Date: March 27, 2019

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Thomsen, and members of the committee:

On behalf of OSBA membership, including 197 school districts, 19 Education Service Districts, and 17 community colleges throughout the state of Oregon, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 665, as modified by the -1 amendments.

The bill is a result of the request of Tillamook school board member Nick Troxel, a detective in Tillamook. He would like the option for his school district to store Naloxone, or any similar medication that is designed to rapidly reverse an overdose of an opioid drug, in the school district office.

Naloxone is a nasal spray. It is prescribed to the person administering the spray, so that it is readily available in the case of an overdose. If administered, it should stop an opioid-induced overdose. If administered to a person that is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it should do no harm. The Legislature, in HB 3440 (2017), extended Naloxone a good-faith exception from liability.

SB 665 is necessary because there is an existing administrative rule, OAR 581-021-0037(3), that requires medication administered in schools to be prescribed in the name of the person using the medication, not the person administering it. This rule needs to be changed.

Mr. Troxel's testimony is available on OLIS and as part of the record. I encourage you to review it, including the portion where he describes the accidental exposure one of his colleagues experienced in the course of a legal search, and how the administration of naloxone immediately reversed an accidental overdose.

Working with Sen. Johnson, OSBA requests your support for SB 665 and the -1 amendments. The -1 amendments make clear that the bill permits, not requires, school districts to adopt policies. There is no known cost to the bill and no known opposition. I ask for your support and that you move the bill out of committee at your earliest convenience.

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