

Date:	January 30, 2023
То:	House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
From:	Morgan Allen, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators
Subject:	Letter of Support for HB 2395, -2 amendment sections 10-14

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Goodwin, Vice Chair Nelson, and Members of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), we write this letter to offer our support for House Bill 2395, specifically sections 10 through 14 of the -2 amendments.

Our organization represents over 2,800 administrators across Oregon who serve in principalships, central office administration, and the superintendency.

During the fall of 2022, our team traveled and met with administrators from around the state. One of the many issues that our members raised with us was a growing concern with the seemingly easy availability of opioids and their impacts on local communities. Unfortunately, this easy access to opioids exposes our students, staff, and schools to these powerful drugs and schools need the tools to deal with possible exposure and overdoses.

Sections 10 through 14 would create good Samaritan provisions for individuals who provide medications like naloxone to someone they suspect is overdosing on opioids in schools. We believe that any person in a school setting or at a school-sponsored event should be able to administer an anti-overdose medication without hesitation and without concern for further prosecution or legal liability. We also support the language in the amendments that affords the same legal protections to the school district and school board from lawsuits and legal liabilities.

Please support the provisions giving our schools and staff the tools to intervene in these potentially tragic circumstances.