

School-Based Health Care

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH DESERVE OPTIMAL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

This bill establishes SBHCs in Oregon law (statute). The Oregon Health Authority is directed to run the SBHC program, creating rules and utilizing workgroups and other organizations to help expand resources and build value in this investment. Finally, this bill appropriates an additional \$4 million to strengthen existing SBHCs and provide funding to expand services.

School-based health centers are an evidence-based model proven to help kids thrive and have operated in Oregon schools for 27 years. Research confirms what we have seen with our own eyes; health disparities affect educational achievement.

Children and teens who use these centers say that having access to these services supports their health and their success in school.

As we look to strengthen our education and health care sectors, this bill helps build on the delivery of care, the quality of care, and the coordination of care where the kids are—in school.

Bill Summary—HB 2445

Defines SBHCs and creates a state-authorized program

Establishes rule-making, procedures and certification process for the program

Appropriates an additional \$4 million to strengthen existing SBHCs and for the expansion of centers and services

Creates a funding pool for SBHCs to more fully participate in health care reform with CCOs

Outlines a work group to develop recommendations for SBHCs to address efficient care coordination and reimbursement

Expands services to include vaccine administration

TALKING POINTS

- Improves and expands access to affordable quality physical, mental, oral and preventive health services where the kids are, at school, in the heart of the community
- Directly impacts kids' academic success
- Builds on the existing system that supports SBHCs and funds development of new SBHCs
- Positively contributes to health care and education reform in Oregon

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING HB 2445

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mission is to promote the health and academic success of all Oregon children