

## **SB 356 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates position of school nurse specialist in the Oregon Department of Education. Establishes responsibilities of school nurse specialist and requires school nurse specialist to be registered nurse.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

*FISCAL: Fiscal Impact issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the Oregon Department of Education's *Nursing Services in Oregon Public Schools - 2020* report, Oregon schools rank near the bottom of national averages in access to school nurse services. Fewer than 7 percent of Oregon's schools report that students have full-time access to a school nurse. Oregon has a total of 376.5 FTE nursing staff in its schools, serving nearly 500,000 students. Many of Oregon's school districts have no nursing staff at all. Senate Bill 356 creates a position of school nurse specialist in the Oregon Department of Education to coordinate nursing activities in schools.