

SB 549 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, President Wagner

Nays: 2 - Robinson, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes minimum amount of \$66,000 for grants to school-based health centers by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Requires amount to be adjusted annually for inflation. Appropriates \$570,000 from General Fund for grants to school-based health centers. Requires OHA, in consultation with Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive planning grants. Establishes program requirements for planning grants. Requires OHA to contract with a nonprofit organization to facilitate and oversee planning process. Appropriates \$1.1 million General Fund moneys for planning grants. Requires OHA to develop and implement grant program for school districts and education service districts for increasing and improving school-based mental health services. Appropriates \$6.75 million from General Fund for this purpose. Requires OHA to study methods for providing or increasing reimbursement for mental health services delivered through school-based health centers under medical assistance program. Allows OHA to adopt rules to support Medicaid reimbursements. Requires ODE to establish and work with Whole Child Committee to select 10 consortia to receive grants for implementing trauma-informed approaches to develop wraparound service delivery hubs. Establishes program and distribution requirements. Establishes membership and program requirements for Whole Child Committee. Appropriates \$7.25 million General Fund dollars for this purpose. Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds in an amount that produces \$10 million in net proceeds for purposes of Act. Establishes allowable uses for net proceeds of lottery bonds. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits provided by school-based health centers
- Need for additional funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are medical clinics that provide physical, behavioral, and preventive health services on school grounds or inside a school. SBHCs are staffed by licensed health care professionals and are available to students, with some centers providing medical services to siblings, families, and community members.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has established certification standards for SBHCs. The certification standards cover issues such as facility requirements, hours of operation, minimum staffing requirements, comprehensive care, data collection and reporting, and billing. According to OHA, there were 81 certified SBHCs located throughout Oregon as of August 2022.

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Senate Bill 549 A establishes a minimum amount for grants to SBHCs and requires that amount to be adjusted annually for inflation. The bill also establishes grants for planning, improving school-based mental health services, and developing trauma-informed wraparound service delivery hubs in schools, all funded by lottery bonds.