

HB 4070 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes grant award among for school-based health centers (SBHCs) and requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to annually adjust amount for inflation based on specified index. The measure requires the OHA, in consultation with the Department of Education, to selection 10 school districts or education service districts to receive planning grants for the planning and operation of school-based health services. It requires OHA to study methods for providing or increasing reimbursement for mental health services delivered through SBHCs under the medical assistance program. The measure appropriates money to OHA and authorizes the State Treasurer to issue lotter bods at the request of OHA in an amount that produces \$10 million for SBHC construction, equipment, and grants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) provide comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services to youth and adolescents either within a school or on school property. SBHCs have existed in Oregon since 1986 through unique public-private partnerships between the Oregon Public Health Division, school districts, county public health departments, public and private practitioners, tribes, parents, students, and community members. With easy access to health care in a school setting, SBHCs reduce barriers such as cost, transportation, and concerns surrounding confidentiality that often keep children and youth from seeking the health services they need. SBHCs provide a full range of physical, mental, and preventative health services to all students, regardless of their ability to pay.