

HB 3169 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure requires that Oregon Health Authority (OHA) make grants to school-based health centers of at least \$70,000. This measure requires OHA to adjust the minimum amount annually for inflation. This measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund for the 2025-2026 biennium. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impacts of school-based health centers on student success
- Rural county access to school-based health centers
- Access to healthcare within schools

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 85 certified SBHCs located throughout Oregon as of July 2023.