

HB 2948 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Nelson

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 02/27/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Diehl, Harbick, Isadore, Javadi, Munoz, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H

Exc: 1 - McIntire

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that a school nurse, or registered nurse with school nursing coordination responsibilities, must coordinate school nursing activities to the intent that the care is within the nurse's scope of practice. Clarifies that an administrator or other staff member may supervise or direct a nurse's work only for purposes related to the nurse's role as a school employee but may not direct the nurse in the practice of nursing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current school nurse supervisory landscape.
- Impact on child safety and educational opportunities of medically fragile children.
- Availability of federal funds to support paying for school nurse services.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

School nurses are registered nurses who are certified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (ORS 342.455). Each school district in Oregon is required to have registered nurse or school nurse staff at specified ratios for medically complex, fragile, or dependent children (ORS 336.201). Districts are also encouraged to have one registered nurse or school nurse for every 750 children in the district.

House Bill 2948 A provides that only a registered nurse may supervise a nurse in a school setting with respect to the practice of nursing.