

HB 2529 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/02/25

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

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Dobson, Harbick, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Ruiz, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies requirements related to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in schools. It requires school governing bodies to ensure that AEDs are located at each school and athletic venue, that locations are clearly identified and accessible, that they are tested and maintained, that all coaches are trained in their use, that the ratio of students to trained staff complies with rules established by the State Board of Education, that training aligns with national guidelines, and that school emergency plans include cardiac emergencies. The measure becomes operative for the 2026-2027 school year and appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund for the Oregon Department of Education to distribute to school districts and public charter schools. It declares an emergency and becomes effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incidences of cardiac arrest in schools
- Need for access to AEDs
- Need for planning related to cardiac arrest

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces Section 1 of the measure.

BACKGROUND:

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, i.e. when a person's heart suddenly stops working.

[Senate Bill 556 \(2009\)](#) required the owner of a place of public assembly to have on the premises at least one AED. It exempted facilities owned by school districts, education service districts, private schools, public charter schools, and facilities primarily used for worship or education associated with worship. [Senate Bill 1033 \(2010\)](#) required schools to have at least one AED on premises by January 1, 2015.