HB 3169 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date:	04/09/25
Action:	Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	7-1-0-0
Yeas:	7 - Dobson, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Ruiz, Wright
Nays:	1 - Harbick
Fiscal:	Fiscal impact issued
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	2/3, 4/9

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.

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:

<u>School-based health centers (SBHCs)</u> 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 <u>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</u> 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 <u>OHA</u>, there were 87 certified SBHCs located throughout Oregon as of July 2023.