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THE SENATE PRESIDENT

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For the record, my name is Rob Wagner, and I serve as the State Senator for Senate District 19 and as the Oregon Senate President. Today, I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1504.

This bill is a commonsense update to Oregon's school health policy. SB 1504 modernizes how epinephrine can be administered in emergency situations, allowing for premeasured doses to be given in forms other than injections. For children experiencing a severe allergic reaction, every second counts. Expanding the methods of administration could mean faster treatment, less hesitation from staff, and better outcomes for students.

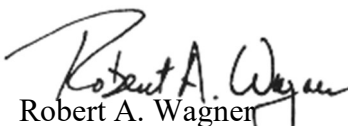
Equally important, the bill strengthens training requirements, ensuring that school personnel are not only equipped with the right tools, but also the confidence to act quickly and appropriately. It also reinforces legal protections for those administering medication in good faith, which encourages participation in these critical emergency roles.

This bill idea came from a passionate constituent of mine, Kailee Desmond, who we will be hearing from shortly. She wrote a letter to Senator Weber and me describing how having the option for a needle-free epinephrine nasal spray could benefit our students facing severe allergies.

At sixteen years old, I was clearing scotch broom when I was stung by European honey bees. About fifteen minutes later, I began to feel nauseous. I went inside and found that no one was home, so I called Oregon Poison Control. They advised me to go to the emergency room. I was experiencing an allergic reaction, and epinephrine saved my life. Since then, I always carry my EpiPen because I never want to be caught in a dangerous situation without it again.

This legislation reflects the reality of schools today: more kids with serious allergies, and a greater need for staff to be able to respond effectively, even when a child can't self-administer their own medication. SB 1504 is a proactive step in making our schools safer, more responsive, and better prepared to protect all students.

Sincerely,


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