



The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials

CLHO Legislative Committee Recommendation to the CLHO Board School HVAC & Filtration HB 2638

Carrier(s)

1. Jennifer Little

Recommendation

The CLHO Legislative Committee recommends supporting both HB 2638 at a priority 2 (logo and testimony). The bill directs district school boards to ensure that buildings regularly used by students have proper heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems to provide for learning and safety. Allows the State Board of Education to do rulemaking. Requires compliance by January 1, 2029. The committee felt strongly that CLHO should support this initiative.

March 2 Attendees: Tom Kuhn, Anthony Arton, Jackson Baures, April Holland, Armando Jimenez, Elisabeth Maxwell, Adelle Adams, Jennifer Little

Vote Count

Votes in favor: all

Votes against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Health Equity Impact: This can have a potentially large health impact for all children and a large equity impact, as marginalized communities are still more burdened by poor air quality in the neighborhoods where they live and go to school. In Portland, for example, in recent years, there has been a lot of discussion about ODOT's work on I-5 and I-84 and the increased emissions where those two highways meet, as Harriet

Tubman middle school is right there. And that school does not have upgraded HVAC systems and has a sizable BIPOC population.

LPH Impact:

Political Considerations: This is currently a republican-only bill. No hearing is yet scheduled.

Other Notes: