

HCS HBs 222 & 580 -- ALLERGIES IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Schulte

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 222 & 580.

This bill adds child care facilities to the list of authorized entities for which a physician may prescribe an epinephrine delivery device.

The bill also establishes "Elijah's Law" and requires licensed child care providers to adopt a policy on allergy prevention and response, with priority given to addressing deadly food-borne allergies. The policy must contain elements specified in the bill and be adopted before July 1, 2027.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must develop a model policy or policies on allergy prevention and response before July 1, 2026.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2552 (2024) and HB 2036 (2023).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would allow for lifesaving prevention and response tools to be developed and implemented in facilities to prevent life-threatening allergic reactions.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Schulte; Arnie Dienoff; Mandi Kearns; Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America .

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.