

Testimony in support of:

HB2086

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Dear Rep. Steve Huebert and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Michelle Spangler and I live in Garden City. I am a school nurse at Kenneth Henderson Middle School.

Please consider supporting the proposed legislation regarding stocking Albuterol and Epinephrine in the schools for emergency situations.

Problem:

1. We need new legislation that decreases the barriers to stocking epinephrine at schools. Epinephrine is the first-line treatment for anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions
2. We need to be able to stock Albuterol at schools for respiratory emergencies related to asthma symptoms.

On Jan. 5, 2021 the president signed **H.R. 2468, the School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act** into law. This bipartisan legislation will help millions of U.S. children manage asthma and food allergies at school. H.R. 2468 encourages states to improve allergy and asthma care in schools by giving preference for federal grants to states that adopt certain management programs and policies.

It is time for Kansas to take action and keep our kids with allergies and asthma safe at school. This proposed Bill will help do that. I urge you to support the proposed Albuterol and Epinephrine legislation

Solution:

1. We need to **allow** Albuterol to be **stocked** and used in schools for emergencies.
2. We need new wording in our legislation that gets rid of the barriers Kansas Schools face when trying to get Epinephrine in their buildings. We can do that with this new language that aligns with the other 48 states who allow Epinephrine.
3. We need to expand wording that allows it to be given to visitors on school property.
4. Expand liability exclusion for schools

Thank you for your consideration.

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