

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Maurer

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires school districts to ensure coaches receive annual training on recognizing concussion symptoms and how to seek proper medical treatment. Charges State Board of Education with establishing related rules. Prohibits coaches from allowing school athletic team member from participating in athletic events or training under certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Traumatic brain injuries
- Recovery from concussions
- Training of coaches regarding concussions
- Proper fitting of equipment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** This measure was requested by the Brain Injury Association of Oregon. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that as many as 3.8 million sports and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States every year. Research indicates that a repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the prior concussion can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage, and even death.