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Testimony in opposition to:

SB 61: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Nurses are **not allowed to administer medications in ANY setting without written authorization by a Physician.** It is out of our scope of practice.

For the safety of the student body, ALL school districts should have Standing Medical Orders for treatment of anaphylaxis.

Most importantly, Standing Medical Orders from the District Medical Advisor allow the School Nurse to administer epinephrine after an assessment reveals that the student is having an allergic reaction.

In addition, creating Standing Orders ensures:

1. That there are essential district policies and procedures in place for emergency situations.
2. That the School Nurse is supported by licensed physician.
3. That Nurses have a properly written Doctor's order to follow when an anaphylactic emergency presents itself.

Thank You,

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