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Greetings and thank you Chair Vukmir and committee members for your attention. Senate Bill 553 (SB 553) incorporates existing Department of Health Services (DHS) administrative code into statute and makes medication administration in a camp setting easier.

Under current administrative code, the administration of medications at a camp are regulated. This legislation codifies existing administrative code with one exception. The legislation allows a qualified health services staff to designate another person to administer medications at a camp that lasts longer than three days.

SB 553 is needed due to concerns raised by scout leaders about the burdensome nature of restricting medication administration to qualified health services staff. On longer outings, the extra trips to the health services staff is problematic. The legislation gives the option of allowing health services staff to designate an individual, approved by the health services staff, to administer medications during longer camping trips. In many settings, the local scout leaders are more familiar with the minors than the camp health services staff. By giving the option to the health services staff to designate a scout leader to administer medications, the camping experience can be made easier while making sure medication is handled properly.

Thank you for your attention to SB 553.