RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-648

MEETING: December 16, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charles Mosher, Health Officer

RE: Authorize Health Officer to Write Prescriptions for the School District to Implement SB1266

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize Health Officer to write prescriptions for the School District to implement SB1266.

SB1266 modifies Education Code Section 49414 and requires schools to keep epinephrine on hand for severe, life-threatening allergic reactions, requires personnel to be trained, and requires the school nurse to obtain prescriptions from a physician, including a "medical director of the local Health Department."

Training is ready to be implemented at the school. The Health Department’s only involvement would be writing prescriptions so the school can purchase the epinephrine.

Please see the attached synopsis of SB1266 for additional information.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not authorize the Health Officer to write prescriptions for the School District. The School District would need to identify another medical professional to write prescriptions in order to implement SB1266.

ATTACHMENTS:
SB1266  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier