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| SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY | |
| EXHIBIT NO. | <u>1</u> |
| DATE: | X <u>3-9-5</u> |
| BILL NO. | <u>HB396</u> |

Madame Chairman and members of the House Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Darrell Rud, Executive Director of Montana.

of the School Administrators

As I will be unable to be present for the hearing on HB396, I would like to offer my support and that of my association for this bill.

In many occasions in my prior career as a school principal, students with asthmatic conditions would have benefited from this bill and what it allows. Schools are frequently understaffed, at a critical level with respect to nursing services, and this bill allows students to self-medicate when the bill's conditions are met.

This increases the safety for students with these conditions and increases the likelihood that there will be a successful and speedy medicinal intervention to ease the effects of an asthmatic attack.

I urge your support for this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Rud