

SB 222 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education to reimburse providers of vision screenings. Appropriates \$1.5 million for vision screening reimbursement. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vision screening program
- Participation of Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation provides vision screenings in schools throughout Oregon. Currently, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) sends money to school districts for these screenings, and districts reimburse the providers. Senate Bill 222 allows ODE to reimburse providers directly.