



# support our children



**VOTE YES ON HB 2994B!**

The well-being of Oregon's children is of the utmost priority for the Oregon State Legislature.

**HB 2994B addresses one aspect of a child's health and wellness: hearing.**



While not all children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing choose to get hearing aids and cochlear implants, for some, access to these devices can vastly improve their quality of life. Consistent, clear access to sound helps children with spoken language acquisition and reduces barriers in school and their social life.

Five years ago, the legislature passed HB 4104, almost unanimously through both chambers, to require insurers to cover hearing aids, cochlear implants, and certain assistive listening devices. Unfortunately, insurers were implementing HB 4104 in different ways, leaving families confused and kids without access to these critical devices.

**HB 2994B would provide clarity in statute of covered services and devices.**

Most notably, the bill will waive the need to meet a deductible before coverage of these devices and services, and extend coverage to children who receive care through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), and Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB).

Over 170 parents, providers, and advocates submitted testimony in support as they know how important this policy is for our kids' futures.

Let's ensure the state keeps the promise we made to our deaf and hard-of-hearing children five years ago!

**All of Oregon's children should have the best chance at life. Pass HB 2994B!**



FROM THE DESK OF REP. HAI PHAM

