

Please Support SB 276

Vision Screenings for Oregon Students



What Would SB 276 Do?

- Address the need that 25% of all children have an undiagnosed vision problem.
- 80% of learning for K-8 students is visual, yet only 10% have eyeglasses or other vision aids.
- Ensuring children in our underserved communities gain access to vision care is critically important to accelerating Oregon's equity and inclusion outcomes.
- **Allow every Oregon school district to continue to access funds for vision screening.** Public funds will be used to effectively and efficiently screen over 200,000 students statewide. Vision screening is equitably provided to all Oregon students, and follow-up resources are available for underserved families. **Vision is a right, not a privilege.**
- **Allocate \$2 million biennially to reimburse schools for the cost of vision screenings** and expand programs to double the number of students who receive vision screenings every year.
- Continue the support of statewide vision screenings allocated by unanimous votes of the 2017 Legislature in SB 187.
- **Vision screening methodology is safe & complies with current school health mandates. OLSHF takes student health and safety seriously, staff and screeners never get within a meter of the student.**

Public funding is used effectively at our cost of \$4.00 per student, compared to the market value of over \$40.

Statewide Support for SB 276

Oregon has recognized the importance of preventing and identifying vision loss. OAR 581-022-0705 mandates school districts are responsible for vision screening and 2013's HB 3000 requires schools to obtain proof of screening or exam. New technological advances allow for fast, objective screening. HIPAA and FERPA compliant data collection and reporting means students' information is secure.

Partners Supporting SB 276

“As a former high school principal and teacher, I can't overstate the value of catching vision issues early so that we can correct them and kids can work to their potential.”

- Sen. Arnie Roblan (retired) A chief co-sponsor of prior legislation



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