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Requested by Representative BOWMAN

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2992

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 44 and insert:

³ "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

4 "(a) 'Eye examination' has the meaning given that term in ORS
5 336.211.

6 "(b) 'Qualified community organization' means an organization 7 that, during nonschool hours or nonschool days, serves students who 8 attend a qualified school.

9 "(c) 'Qualified school' means a school that has a high rate of stu-10 dents experiencing poverty, as identified by the Department of Edu-11 cation.

"(d) 'Qualified site' means the site of a qualified school or a quali fied community organization.

14 "(e) 'Qualified student' means a student who:

"(A) Attends a qualified school or is served by a qualified commu nity organization; and

"(B) Has been identified as requiring an eye examination or as re quiring assistance of the powers or range of vision of the eye through
 a vision screening as defined in ORS 336.211.

"(2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the De partment of Education and the Oregon Board of Optometry, shall es-

tablish and implement a program that provides the following to a
qualified student at no charge to the qualified student or to the parent
or legal guardian of the qualified student:

4 "(A) An eye examination;

5 **"(B) New prescription eyeglasses;**

6 "(C) Replacements for lost or broken prescription eyeglasses, as 7 needed, for the duration of the prescription; and

8 "(D) Follow-up services identified as the result of a vision screening
9 as defined in ORS 336.211.

"(b) Any services provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection
 are separate from services provided under ORS 336.211 and do not
 qualify for reimbursement under ORS 336.211.

"(3) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the De partment of Education and the Oregon Board of Optometry, shall
 adopt rules for the program that:

"(a) Prescribe the process by which a nonprofit organization can
 apply for approval under this section to:

"(A) Provide the services and equipment described in subsection (2)
 of this section to qualified students for whom affirmative or implied
 medical consent has been granted; and

"(B) Receive funding for the services and equipment described in
 subsection (2) of this section.

"(b) Establish a process by which funding for the program is granted to an approved nonprofit organization to fund the services and equipment described in subsection (2) of this section. The rules must require the active seeking and prioritization of federal moneys for funding the program, including seeking:

"(A) Reimbursement for medical assistance as defined in ORS
 414.025;

30 "(B) Any necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and

1 Medicaid Services to carry out the program; and

"(C) Any available funding through the Children's Health Insurance
Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

4 "(c) Allow for an eye examination that does not include dilation of
5 the eye if:

"(A) All other requirements for a comprehensive eye examination
under the Oregon Health Plan are met; and

8 "(B) The parents or legal guardians of the qualified student are
9 notified that:

"(i) The eye examination will not include dilation of the eye; and
 "(ii) Other vision services may be available to the parents or legal
 guardians if the parents or legal guardians prefer an eye examination
 that includes dilation of the eye.

"(d) Require a qualified community organization to align, to the greatest extent practicable, the processes and communications of the qualified community organization with the processes and communications of a qualified school attended by qualified students served by the qualified community organization.

"(4) Within 12 months of receiving funding under this section, an approved nonprofit organization shall provide to the Oregon Health Authority the following information to assist the authority in monitoring the impact of the program on meeting the vision care needs of qualified students:

"(a) The number of qualified sites served, including the number of
 qualified schools, qualified community organizations and school dis tricts.

"(b) The number of qualified students served, including the number
 who received an eye examination and the number who received pre scription eyeglasses.

30 "(c) The number of eye examinations provided.

1 "(d) The number of prescription eyeglasses provided.".

2 On page 3, delete lines 10 through 16 and insert:

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The Oregon Health Authority must complete
rulemaking required under section 1 of this 2025 Act in a time and
manner to ensure that:

"(1) Decisions related to the recipients and amounts of grants
awarded under section 1 of this 2025 Act are made no later than April
1, 2026; and

"(2) Funding is available to approved nonprofit organizations no
later than May 1, 2026, to provide the services and equipment described
in section 1 (2) of this 2025 Act beginning with the 2026-2027 school
year.

"SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount
 of \$11,000,000, which may be deposited into the Eye Examination and
 Correction Fund.".

In line 17, delete "4" and insert "5".

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