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Testimony in Support of SB 1167: Funding to develop successful children

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Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Senate Committee on Early Childhood & Behavioral Health:

For the record, my name is Lisa Reynolds, and I represent SD - 17, West Portland, and communities in Northeastern Washington County.

I have been a pediatrician for 20-plus years and continue to practice when the legislature is not in session. As both a legislator and a physician, I am in strong support of SB 1167. This measure would provide funding to local community organizations who are working to ensure children have equitable opportunities for success in their crucial earliest years.

Research has shown that a child's first 1,000 days - from in utero through the first two years - are critical for brain development and long-term well-being.

SB 1167 takes a proactive approach by investing in evidence-based, community-driven solutions that support early childhood development.

As a pediatrician, I've seen firsthand how early childhood interventions can shape a child's future. Such interventions lead to better health, educational outcomes, and economic stability. SB 1167 focuses on ensuring that every child, regardless of background, receives the necessary resources and support during these critical years.

This goes hand in glove with the Omnibus package that I am presenting this session and it's an honor to work alongside the fine folks doing the work on the programs of SB 1167. While much of the Omnibus package addresses broader systemic issues, this bill focuses on making deep, localized investments that will generate measurable outcomes in several different communities. It's all a "yes" "and".

I urge the committee to pass SB 1167. This bill is an investment in Oregon's future, and by supporting our youngest Oregonians, we are paving the way for healthier, more successful generations to come. Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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