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On Behalf Of: Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5515

Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz and Members of the Subcommittee on Education,

We are writing you on behalf of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) in support of the \$1.5 million continuous appropriation to the School Vision Screening Program in HB 5515.

25% of children have an undiagnosed vision problem that can significantly impact their ability to succeed in school. Identifying vision issues early and subsequent treatment can dramatically improve student outcomes, including positively impacting Oregon high school graduation rates.

That's why Oregon requires all Oregon school children to provide proof of a vision screening or eye exam prior to starting school. Through the school vision screening program, the Oregon Lions (OLSHF) have proudly screened over one million Oregon students with high quality vision screening in a school setting since 2013.

These investments are critical to continuing this important public-private partnership to dramatically improve student outcomes and we ask that the Vision Screening account be sustained to allow the Lions and others to reach all of Oregon's school children with vision screenings.

Thank you,

-Danelle Romain & Mike Freese, Representing OLSHF