

**Testimony for the Senate Committee on Education
In support of SB 612
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To: Chair Roblan and members of the committee.

I am writing you in support of SB 612. In my 14 years as a tutor to children with learning disabilities, I have seen how critical it is to identify students with dyslexia early so that they can receive the appropriate remediation as soon as possible.

There is a host of research showing that proper early intervention can make a tremendous difference in these students' educational outcomes and have a positive impact on their lives.

In my own experience, I have seen students who had trouble reading and who hated the activity go on to become proficient readers who loved books and went to succeed academically in high school and college.

I work through the private tutoring consortium, Language Skills Therapy, based in Portland and was trained in the Orton Gillingham method for addressing the needs of dyslexic students.

Individual families can access helpful resources they need, but this bill will assure that all students get the help that they need.

I hope that you and the other members of the legislature will pass this much needed bill.

Sincerely,

Amy F. Monahan