

Dear Ms. Doherty,

I am writing you to ask that you please schedule SB 1002 for a work session.

It is imperative for Oregon's future that students receive the services they need. Students who are dyslexic need access to qualified tutors. One of the easiest ways to tutor a student is in the school either before or after school or during a silent reading period. Tutors should be allowed to use school facilities, after all, we are all working to help students succeed.

Many classroom teachers with the best intentions are not trained to provide the services needed by many learning disabled students. Dyslexia affects about 20% of the classroom population, certainly some students more impacted than others. Direct instruction in phonemic awareness has proven to be the key to help these struggling readers. The next step is to allow qualified tutors to use school facilities to help these students.

I urge you to support SB 1002 for the sake of our children and our future.

Thank you,

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