



**Please support
SB 289
Vision Screenings for
Oregon Students**

**Why Some Oregon Students are Failing:
25% of all children have an undiagnosed vision problem**

**Students who can't read at grade level are 13 times less
likely to graduate from high school.**

What would SB 289 Do?

- **Allow every Oregon school district to continue to access funds for vision screening.** Public funds are being used to effectively and efficiently screen over 130,000 students.
- **Allocate \$2 million biennially to reimburse schools for the cost of vision screenings,** and expand programs to double the number of students who receive vision screenings every year.
- **Strengthen referral process to increase the number of comprehensive eye exams in local communities.**

**Public funding would be used effectively at our cost of \$3.20 per student,
compared to the average \$27 CPT insurance cost.**

Oregon has recognized the importance of preventing and identifying vision loss. OAR 581-022-0705 mandates school districts are responsible for vision screening and 2013's HB 3000 requires schools to obtain proof of screening or exam. New technological advances allow for fast, objective screening. HIPAA and FERPA compliant data collection and reporting means students' information is secure.

**Preliminary finding from Pacific
University, *Vision Screening
and Academics in Oregon:*
“Children who fail vision
screening perform on average
10% lower on standard testing
than those who pass vision
screening.”**

- Dr. J.P. Lowery, OD, MEd



Why Support SB 289?

Passing SB 289
=
270,000 students
screened

SB 289 Failing
=
Fewer than 50,000
students screened



Statewide Support for SB 289

"This is the third year we have partnered with Lions and it has been a game changer."
Claire Davis-Thran, School Nurse

"As a former high school principal and teacher, I can't overstate the value of catching vision issues early so that we can correct them and kids can work to their potential."
Sen. Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay), a chief cosponsor of SB 187

"The doctor told me that if this issue had not been identified before the 4th or 5th grade, the damage would have been permanent to my 5-year-old daughter's vision."
Misty Martin-Zimmerman, Hazeldale Elementary School (Beaverton) Parent

"Through all your efforts this year we have been able to systematically, accurately and timely address the screening and follow up on the vision of our students and ultimately enable their success in school."
Patricia Pokrzywa, Corvallis School District Nurse

Partners Supporting SB 289



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