

Please Support SB 5513 Vision Screenings for Oregon Students



What Would SB 5513 Do?

- Address the need that 25% of all children have an undiagnosed vision problem.
- 80% of learning for K-8 students is visual, yet only 10% have eyeglasses or other vision aids.
- Ensuring children in our underserved communities gain access to vision care is critically important to accelerating Oregon's equity and inclusion outcomes.
- Allow every Oregon school district to continue to access funds for vision screening. Public funds will be used to effectively and efficiently screen over 200,000 students statewide. Vision screening is equitably provided to all Oregon students and follow up resources are made available for underserved families. **Vision is a right, not a privilege.**
- 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.
- Continue the support of statewide vision screenings allocated by unanimous votes of the 2017 Legislature in SB 187.
- Vision screening methodology is safe & complies with social distancing standards. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, PPE is mandated for screeners and students and a new safe distance methodology has been adopted.

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

Statewide Support for SB 5513

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.

"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 prior legislation

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