

Submitter: Jennifer Carver

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2994

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a long time Teacher of the Deaf in Oregon and the current Principal at Tucker Maxon School in Portland. The mission of our school is to teach children who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen and talk alongside their typically hearing peers. Without appropriate hearing technology our students would not be able to access sound successfully and struggle to participate in school alongside their typically hearing peers. Hearing technology is expensive and can be cost prohibitive for families. Not only can the initial equipment be costly, but also the maintenance to keep them running optimally. It is vital that insurance companies cover the hearing equipment, batteries, earmolds, etc., that a deaf child needs to be successful in learning listening and spoken language. It is a child's basic right to hear. Every child should have the opportunity to learn to listen and talk. Please join me in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carver

Principal, Tucker Maxon School