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Re: Passage of HB 2994

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

Please pass House Bill 2994! Oregon's children who experience a hearing impairment rely on audiological evaluation and assistive hearing technology for their social, cognitive, communicative, and academic development. They deserve access to these services and supports. To this end, I strongly encourage passage of House Bill 2994. This legislation will reduce cost burdens on families as well as bureaucratic barriers.

I have over 23 years of professional experience in special education and as a speech-language pathologist I have seen firsthand the benefits of hearing-related assessment and assistive technology. These are critical services and supports for children and youth.

Again, I strongly urge passage of HB2994. Thank you for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hendershott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brad Hendershott
Portland, Oregon