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As an educator and a hearing parent of a deaf child, HB 2994 is incredibly important to me. My baby is 6 months old and we've just started this journey into meeting other families of kids with hearing loss. So far we've already met a few families who have no insurance coverage. For one, it means they can't afford hearing aids for their 10 year old with hearing loss. Can you imagine trying to hear in a busy classroom with hearing loss, and the impact this could have in his learning? As a teacher I can tell you it would be monumental.

Please pass HB 2994. Oregon children deserve access to hearing. This is their medical and educational right.

Thank you!

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