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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (at the request of the Oregon Imagination Library Project)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2247

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 22 through 28 and delete page 2 2 and insert:

3 **"SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 "(a) 'Local Imagination Library program' means a program that is
5 provided to a community or to a county as part of the Oregon Imag6 ination Library Project and that provides free age-appropriate books
7 each month to enrolled children from birth to age five.

8 "(b) 'Local Imagination Library program affiliate' means an entity
9 that:

"(A)(i) Is an organization exempt from taxation under section
 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

12 "(ii) Is a school district; and

"(B) Has entered into a contract with a national book gifting foun dation to provide to every child enrolled in the program an age appropriate book each month from birth to age five.

"(2) The Oregon Imagination Library Project is established within
 the Early Learning Division for the purpose of improving kindergarten
 readiness and third-grade reading proficiency by providing free books
 to children who are enrolled in a local Imagination Library program
 each month from birth to age five.

21 "(3) The division shall support the Oregon Imagination Library

1 **Project by:**

"(a) Entering into a partnership with the national book gifting
foundation that has contracts with local Imagination Library program
affiliates for the purpose of having the division pay 50 percent of the
monthly contract cost.

6 "(b) Assisting local Imagination Library programs:

"(A) With the establishment of programs in communities or counties that are not served by a local Imagination Library program;

9 "(B) In recruiting volunteers for the implementation and adminis 10 tration of the programs; and

11 "(C) In enrolling children in the programs.

"(4) The division may enter into a contract with a statewide organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to raise moneys and to assist in the implementation of the project.

"(5) The division shall distribute moneys for the project from the
 Oregon Imagination Library Account established under section 2 of
 this 2019 Act. Distributions shall be made as prescribed by rules
 adopted by the Early Learning Council.

"(6) The division may create an advisory committee to make rec ommendations to the division on how best to develop, implement and
 administer the project in this state.

"(7) The council, in consultation with the division, shall adopt rules
to implement the provisions of this section.

25 "<u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The Oregon Imagination Library Account is es-26 tablished within the Early Learning Division Fund. Separate records 27 shall be maintained for moneys in the account. Interest earned by the 28 account shall be credited to the account.

"(2) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the
 Department of Education for use by the Early Learning Division for

the Oregon Imagination Library Project described in section 1 of this
 2019 Act.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The Early Learning Division shall distribute funds
 from the Oregon Imagination Library Account established under sec tion 2 of this 2019 Act for the Oregon Imagination Library Project de scribed in section 1 of this 2019 Act as follows:

"(1) Beginning January 1, 2020, for programs not described in subsection (2) of this section.

9 "(2) Beginning June 1, 2021, for programs that:

"(a) Are located in counties that have a population of less than
 100,000; and

12 "(b) Existed prior to July 1, 2018.

¹³ "<u>SECTION 4.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-¹⁴ ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for use ¹⁵ by the Early Learning Division, for the biennium beginning July 1, ¹⁶ 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be ¹⁷ deposited in the Oregon Imagination Library Account established un-¹⁸ der section 2 of this 2019 Act.

"<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
 declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.".

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