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On Behalf Of: Imagination Library  
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services  
Measure: HB2872

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Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Scharf and Nguyen, and members of the House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services,

I am writing in support of HB 2872.

Spring of 2018 finally brought Dolly Parton Imagination Library to my area of Columbia County, OR. I was part of the original group that met regularly and began the fundraising campaign to kick off this essential learning program. We recruited children through Head Start initially and as our bank account grew we spread our net wider into the community.

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the joy, excitement and concentration of a child to whom a book is being read. Our goal is to continue reaching eligible children and promoting all the benefits in life that are associated with literacy.

Of course, the down side is that we volunteers must continue our endless fundraising.

This worthy program needs to be expanded but with a stable income source.

Please help us by supporting HB 2872.

Thank you for your consideration.

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