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Chair Representative Lisa Reynolds
Vice-Chair Representative Hoa Nguyen
Vice-Chair Representative Anna Scharf
Members of the Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Lisa Reynolds, Vice-Chair Hoa Nguyen, Vice-Chair Anna Scharf:

I am Tom Andersen, State House Representative for District 19: South Salem, south of the Capitol to the Salem city limits.

I will keep my remarks brief because as you've heard and will hear, this is a great program. This bill will help the program expand throughout more places in Oregon, including to portions of my district that are not currently enrolled. This program even provides Spanish language literature which means a lot to the northeast portion of my district.

Reading is very important to me and my wife. Not only is she an author and freelance journalist, but her folks were also reading and literacy scholars. They, as I, believe having reading competence by the 3rd grade is important because it ensures future success. I strongly urge the support for this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

State Representative
South Salem, HD-19

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