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During my 3rd grade year, I was reading at a 1st grade level and the school I was going to at the time did not have anything else they could do for me. The intention was to put me back into the regular class for reading/writing and hope that it fixed itself. Luckily, I had parents that could take me to meet with the district's reading specialist, and we discovered that although I had very high reading comprehension, I mixed up word, letters, and sounds and often could not identify words. This specialist recommended that I be transferred to another school in the district that had a program called READ 180. This ended up being incredibly helpful because over the course of 4th grade I went from a 1st grade reading level to a 4th grade reading level. This program was so helpful to me and I ended up entering 5th grade in my normal reading class with the rest of my classmates. Additionally, I went on to test into the advanced reading class for 6th grade in middle school. I can honestly say, without a reading program like this, I would not be where I am today. I'm graduating from the University of Oregon in June and I really do not know what would have happened to me if I had just been put into 4th grade with a 1st grade reading level. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will support House Bill 3198. Support all these young children who can dream for the stars and with your help, will have the tools to make those dreams a reality!