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Thank you for all of your time and service.

Please support house bill 3198.

I'm writing as a product of public education, supporter of public education, and champion for future generations.

The science of reading has been out several decades, with Yale having its own dyslexia center. It is time that Oregon catches up to ensure the professional teachers are trained to support the science of reading and writing.

Our own nations report card shows that on a particular measure 1/3 of students are not reading to learn by the time they enter 4th grade. These students fall farther and further behind their peers. This has been known as a pipeline to prison.

In early formative years is the time to intervene with skillful professional teachers trained to the fidelity and rigor of the science of reading and writing. Further, supporting our local colleges and universities who train teachers in the administration of such skill set, coupled with years of internship and skill application may help change the course of Oregon's current reputation with education.

It is time we build a pipeline to productivity.

Look to other states school districts, where teachers have time, colleagues and support to come along side a struggling pupil and help empower the pupil to track their own growth and apply the science to their learning. They come side-by-side with student teachers, who do several years of internships while gaining the skills, knowledge and experience to join the workforce upon graduation as a competent and networked teacher. Honor the role of a nurse who can assess visual tracking or convergence/divergence insufficiency or impacts of hard to notice hearing issues; then support family access to appropriate medical intervention.

Please help Oregon apply evidence-based literacy strategies to young elementary students in the form of high-dose tutoring and small group measured and effective instruction. Please help change Oregon's reputation around in the course of our youth's future.