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We talk often about equity - but what it really means is giving ALL students what they need to learn. With in-depth knowledge of the Science of Reading, an evidence-based, explicit and systematic program, on-going, job- embedded coaching, and leadership that understands and supports the necessary infrastructure, we can give ALL kids what they need. This is especially important for students furthest from opportunity. I work with a number of rural/remotes districts and finding high quality professional development and implementation supports is almost impossible due to cost. The bill would provide enough resource to provide training and coaching in the Science of Reading for teachers and administrators as well as summer learning opportunities and high-dosage tutoring for students. We know that children who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. HB 3198 will ensure that each and every child in Oregon has the foundational literacy skills to proudly graduate from high school. Thank you!