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**Bill Title:** Relating to encouragement of reading in young children; declaring an emergency.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Department of Early Learning and Care

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure continues the Imagination Library of Oregon Program, which provides a free book each month to eligible children in Oregon from birth to five years of age to encourage children to develop a love of reading and learning. Established in SB 5506 (2023), the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) received \$1.7 million General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium to contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit organization to manage this program. The measure requires DELIC to provide financial support to an Oregon-based nonprofit to manage the program. The measure also establishes the Oregon Imagination Library Account, which is continuously appropriated to DELIC to carry out this program.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required