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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2811

Please support and prioritize investment in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Studies have shown that \$1.00 of investment in public libraries reaps a return of \$4.64 to the community. Libraries offer tools, resources, and materials of knowledge, safe harbor, and community to the most vulnerable. It is a valuable community asset to invest in our youth and their education and learning from an early age. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library supports youth and their families throughout the State of Oregon. This investment would:

Support seconomic growth and opportunity now and for the future.

Provide essential services available to all community members.

Ensure literacy, programming, and information are accessible to all.

Thank you for voting to support this valuable resource and its ongoing, invaluable opportunities, services, and supports for the Oregonians now and into the future.