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Rep. Courtney Neron, Chair
House Committee on Education
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2007. My name is Jessica Cobian and I'm here to testify on behalf of Stand for Children Oregon. We strongly support increasing instructional time for all children across Oregon, and we appreciate the Legislature's commitment to expanding access to high-quality, research-aligned summer learning opportunities through HB 2007.

High-quality summer learning is a key strategy for accelerating learning, closing gaps, and giving our young students the support they need for academic mastery. This is especially critical in Oregon today where we see student outcomes not rebounding from the pandemic and gaps increasing.

We are particularly encouraged by the bill's focus on evidence-based instruction, ensuring that summer learning programs provide meaningful academic support. Literacy should remain a core focus of summer learning, and we also recognize the importance of incorporating other critical subjects like STEM and mathematics to provide well-rounded educational experiences for students. We appreciate that HB 2007 prioritizes early literacy in summer learning, while also allowing for evidence-based enrichment and offerings in other subjects.

HB 2007 continues to build on the focused, research-aligned investments that will accelerate student learning across the state. We encourage the Legislature to move forward with this effort and continue strategically directing resources to close educational equity gaps and improve student outcomes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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