

SUE MILLER Chair, Early Learning Council

KATY BROOKS

PETER BUCKLEY

ELIZABETH FARRAR CAMPBELL

DR. MARGARET MILLER

SOOBIN OH

RUBY RAMIREZ

MARIE SIMONDS

ALYSSA CHATTERJEE Early Learning System Director Oregon Early Learning Council 700 Summer Street NE, Suite 350 Salem, OR 97301

March 21, 2025

House Committee on Education 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice Chair Dobson, Vice Chair McIntire and Committee Members:

The Early Learning Council offers its support for HB 3040, which aims to enhance Oregon's Early Literacy Success Initiative.

The Council is thrilled to endorse Governor Tina Kotek's initiative that supports the expansion of early literacy efforts in the state. It is widely known that early literacy leads to a positive impact on a person's well-being and paves the way for lifelong success. *Raise Up Oregon*, the state's early childhood system plan, acknowledges this foundational aspect of a child's development and future opportunities.

Passage of this bill supports the ongoing work of the Early Literacy Success Initiative and the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan. The Early Learning Council offers our support for HB 3040 and encourages passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Sue Miller Chair, Early Learning Council