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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3933, which appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care for the purpose of funding Relief Nursery programs. This legislation is vital for providing essential support to families and children in our communities, particularly those facing significant challenges.

Relief Nursery programs play a crucial role in offering immediate and effective assistance to families in crisis. By providing safe, nurturing environments for children, these programs not only support child development but also offer parents the respite and resources they need to address their challenges. This funding will help ensure that these vital services can continue to operate and expand, reaching more families in need.

Investing in Relief Nursery programs is an investment in our future. Research has consistently shown that early intervention and support can lead to improved outcomes for children, including better educational performance, enhanced social skills, and healthier family dynamics. By supporting families during difficult times, we can help break the cycle of adversity and create a stronger foundation for future generations.

Furthermore, funding Relief Nursery programs aligns with our broader goals of promoting family stability and community well-being. By providing access to counseling, parenting education, and other supportive services, we empower families to thrive. This not only benefits the children directly involved but also contributes to the overall health and resilience of our communities.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support HB 3933 and urge you to advocate for its passage. Appropriating funds for Relief Nursery programs is a critical step toward providing essential support to families and children in our state. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your commitment to fostering a brighter future for all Oregon families.