



April 8, 2015

Chair Margaret Doherty  
House Committee on Education  
State Capitol Building  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3069

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

With the -1 amendments, HB 3069 seeks to strengthen the reading instruction provided to teacher preparation candidates so that they can provide instruction that aligns with the expectations set by our State Board of Education for Oregon's students.

We believe that that there are preparation programs in Oregon that meet the criteria of this bill and that this is a step in the right direction for those that do not. Tooling up our teachers to be able to meet the needs of readers of all levels, from struggling readers to proficient readers, will have a positive impact for kids.

Chalkboard believes that a robust and rigorous program approval process is necessary to ensure that teacher preparation programs are providing teacher candidates with the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to be successful in the classroom.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hildick".

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