

I wanted to write you today in support of HB 3380 and this important investment in early childhood programs in Oregon, with its focus on quality preschool for more 3 and 4 year olds. This added investment in 2015-17 will have a great return on investment by improving the education outcomes and lives of the low income children it serves. I believe this \$30 million investment in children will also help many more young people break the cycle of poverty, improve the workforce, and help reduce our growing social costs in Oregon. Thank you for considering my input and hopefully for your support of this very important bill.

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