

JANEEN SOLLMAN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 30



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Joint Sub-Committee on General Government
900 Court St NE – H-174
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chairs Senator Manning Jr & Representative Smith and members of the Joint Sub-Committee on General Government,

My name is Janeen Sollman, the State Representative from House District 30 and I am submitting this letter in support of HB 5018. The Ready to Read grant has not only done great things in our state, but I have personally seen the impact in my community due to summer programs this grant was able to fund.

The Washington County Cooperative Library Services has done a great job of using their resources from the Ready to Read grant to saturate themselves in the community by bringing the programs to places other than the library. They have had very successful programs in various community parks across the area to make sure that kids who may not have access to transportation still have access to books and reading.

This is a very good program, and allows for our public libraries across the state to continue learning and halt what is known in the education realm as the 'summer slide'. If we want to continue providing a well-rounded education system and to improve literacy skills, we should support HB 5018 and provide our public libraries the means to offer such learning programs for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janeen Sollman
State Representative
House District 30