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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (at the request of the Imagination Library Project)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2247**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 22 through 28 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Imagination Library Project is estab-**
4 **lished for the purpose of improving third-grade reading proficiency and**
5 **high school graduation rates by providing free books to young children**
6 **in this state.**

7 **“(2) The Early Learning Division shall develop, implement and ad-**
8 **minister the project. The division shall ensure that, under the project,**
9 **every enrolled child has the opportunity to receive an age-appropriate**
10 **book each month until the child attains five years of age.**

11 **“(3) To administer the project, the division may:**

12 **“(a) Enter into a partnership with a national book gifting founda-**
13 **tion that contracts with school districts and with organizations that**
14 **are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-**
15 **enue Code to provide free books to children from birth until the child**
16 **attains five years of age;**

17 **“(b) Require a school district or organization participating in the**
18 **project to provide a matching amount of at least 50 percent of the**
19 **funds required to carry out a contract entered into as described in**
20 **paragraph (a) of this subsection;**

21 **“(c) Assist school districts and organizations participating in the**

1 project by providing outreach to local communities about the project;
2 and

3 “(d) Provide technical assistance to school districts and organiza-
4 tions participating in the project by assisting the school districts and
5 organizations with:

6 “(A) Recruiting volunteers to assist in the implementation and ad-
7 ministration of the project;

8 “(B) Soliciting donations, gifts and other funding to financially
9 support the project; and

10 “(C) Enrolling children in the project.

11 “(4) The division shall distribute moneys for the project from the
12 Oregon Imagination Library Account established under section 2 of
13 this 2019 Act. Distributions shall be made as prescribed by rules
14 adopted by the Early Learning Council. The rules may allow for dis-
15 tributions to any entities with which the division has entered into a
16 partnership as described in subsection (3) of this section.

17 “(5) The division may create an advisory committee to advise the
18 division and make recommendations on how best to develop, imple-
19 ment and administer the project in this state.

20 “(6) The council, in consultation with the division, shall adopt rules
21 to implement the provisions of this section.

22 “SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Imagination Library Account is es-
23 tablished within the Early Learning Division Fund. Separate records
24 shall be maintained for moneys in the account. Interest earned by the
25 account shall be credited to the account.

26 “(2) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the
27 Department of Education for use by the Early Learning Division for
28 the Oregon Imagination Library Project described in section 1 of this
29 2019 Act.

30 “SECTION 3. The Early Learning Division shall distribute funds

1 from the Oregon Imagination Library Account established by section
2 2 of this 2019 Act for the Oregon Imagination Library Project estab-
3 lished by section 1 of this 2019 Act as follows:

4 “(1) Beginning January 1, 2020, for programs not described in sub-
5 section (2) of this section.

6 “(2) Beginning June 1, 2021, for programs that:

7 “(a) Are located in counties that have a population of less than
8 100,000; and

9 “(b) Existed prior to July 1, 2018.

10 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is repealed on June 30, 2021.

11 “SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
12 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for use
13 by the Early Learning Division, for the biennium beginning July 1,
14 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be
15 deposited in the Oregon Imagination Library Account established by
16 section 2 of this 2019 Act.

17 “SECTION 6. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
19 declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.”.

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