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Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3198

Dear House Ed Committee. Please consider the importance of House Bill 3198. Our state is amazing in so many ways, and yet our public K-12 education situation is weak at best, but it can be improved! As the daughter of two public school teachers I have seen first hand how difficult it is to work in our public education environment. There is little consistency across districts, the funding is hit and miss (ie often times grassroots programs that are started within a district start to bloom and then funding changes and they have to be discontinued.) We need to fix this. We need to implement more strategic funding that is consistent across districts and consistently funded. The best way to do this is with targeted funding for programs that are backed by science and research. That is exactly what Measure 98 did for high school graduation rates - which is already proving to be successful. And, that is what House bill 3198 will do for early lit. I am often baffled by our state (and country) when it comes to education. Why wouldn't we want to create the best learning environment and opportunities for our very own citizens to ensure that as they go through k-12 and on to higher ed or CTE careers they are the most educated, trained and prepared they can be? We would benefit greatly by ensuring that all children/teenagers and young adults are educated in a way that they can succeed and be self sustaining in a career that they are passionate about. Wouldn't we all be better off if we made this our focus and ensured success? This all starts with education and HB3198 is a step in that exact direction. So please, lets see this groundswell take hold. Please support HB3198 and be a part of something big. We all deserve it!