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Literacy is a civil right. Oregon students deserve reading instruction that equips them to be successful in this age of information. Currently, Oregon's literacy rates are in the bottom ten percent in the nation. We need to do better. Luckily, cognitive science shows that 95 percent of the population has the capacity to learn to read. HB 3198 can help Oregon's schools to reverse the current trends in literacy rates. Having knowledgeable teachers, using high quality instructional materials with the guidance and support are some examples that will help raise literacy rates in Oregon students. Providing high dosage tutoring opportunities before, during, or after school will help close the learning gaps that have persisted for years and are increasing due to the pandemic. Please support HB 3198. Oregon students have the right to literacy. It is our responsibility to ensure they receive every opportunity to succeed.