

Dear Chair Hartman, Vice Chairs Scharf and Walters, and House Interim Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services members,

I'm reaching out as a proud supporter from Southern Oregon of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Oregon (DPILO) to ask for your help in codifying our program into an Oregon statute. Please support HB 4022.

DPILO makes books available (at no cost) to every Oregon child under age 5, in every zip code, regardless of income. Thanks to the State's investment and our 56 Local Program Partners, today we can say 73,347 Oregon children are enrolled. As of April 2025, we've achieved program coverage in every one of Oregon's 36 counties, and as of June, families are able to sign-up for the fully bilingual English/Spanish book collection.

This is a proven, powerful investment in Oregon kids and it's one we cannot afford to lose. Please support HB 4022 to keep the Imagination Library of Oregon going strong and available for Oregon's children for years to come.

Sincerely,

Heather Scott

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