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On Behalf Of:

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As a volunteer in the Friends of Medford Library bookstore I have personally seen the enthusiasm for books expressed by children whose parents read to them. The pride they reflect in carrying their own purchases and sharing which books they have enjoyed is an highlight of volunteering at the library bookstore. The only downside is that there are so few of these children.

Anything that improves the literacy rate and education of the children in Oregon should be a no-brainer. Early childhood education and literacy are the foundations for successful learning in the school years ahead. The Dolly Parton program is a proven step in helping prepare children for school and it is well known that children who learn to read early are at an advantage in the early school years and in graduation rates.

Please support and vote for HB 4022

Thank you, Geraldine Leinfelder