

Submitter: Margaret Klinkow Hartmann
On Behalf Of: HB4022
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4022

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 can sign up for the fully bilingual English/Spanish book collection.

In my community, we've seen the impact: my granddaughter received the books provided by the program and is an avid reader now.

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

Sincerely,

Margaret Klinkow Hartmann

Medford - Jackson County

Grandmother, whose granddaughter benefited from this program.