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Senate Democrats Lead Passage of Summer Literacy Program for Oregon Kids

House Bill 2007 sets up grants for summer classes using proven teaching methods

SALEM, OR – Today Oregon Senate Democrats passed House Bill 2007, investing in summer classes that focus on reading, use proven teaching methods, and have special services for kids reading below grade level.

“This bill is a reflection of our values in Oregon, that we support students and are doing all we can to further their learning, especially in the area of evidence-based literacy,” said Subcommittee Co-chair **Senator Janeen Sollman (D – Hillsboro, Forest Grove & Rock Creek)**. “We know that when students are strong readers it leads to being strong future leaders.”

The measure creates stable funding for a Summer Learning Grant Program, giving kids in kindergarten through 12th grade access to affordable summer activities that boost literacy. Grant applicants must show their program is centered on learning outcomes and beneficial for kids not yet reading at grade level. Program evaluations will measure effectiveness and report on successful methods used by grantees.

“This is a stable and comprehensive approach for learning,” said **Education Committee Chair Lew Frederick, (D – N & NE Portland)**. “Today’s measure gives schools districts clarity on how to use this funding and guidelines to help our kids truly succeed with the help of these new programs.”

Oregon Senate Democrats were joined by seven Republicans in supporting House Bill 2007. It passed 24 to 5 and now heads to Governor Tina Kotek for her signature.

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