I am a retired teacher burning with passion and rage. My passion grew from my training in explicit phonics at the Beaverton Riggs Institute. I immediately saw this free program, evolving over 60 years, was about 1000% better than any reading program I saw in 18 years in schools.

Amazingly, ORS 337.275 ***requires*** school districts to make explicit phonics materials available to K-2 teachers. That's the good news (even if 98% of the school districts do not know about the law.) My rage grows from the bad news: HB4014, waiting for the governor's signature, ***repeals*** that law.

Keep and enforce ORS 337.275. For more on all the advantages of explicit phonics, google ***spalding.org.***

I have made it my "retirement dream" to promote explicit phonics for public schools. I have a 3 minute Powerpoint to show groups interested in education.

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