

76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Education & Workforce Development

MEASURE: SB 25
CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Morse, Shields, Hass
Nays:	George
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Linda Lindholm, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/29, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to operate early childhood programs for children zero years of age to age of eligibility for kindergarten. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Necessity of bill to bring statute language in line with 2010 legislative direction
- Numbers and age range of youth impacted
- Support of Head Start and early childhood programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2010 Legislature appropriated an additional \$1million to ODE for funding Early Head Start (EHS) programs. Currently, EHS programs provide comprehensive child development services for expectant mothers and children from birth to age three and their families whose income is at or below federal poverty guidelines. ODE authority (ORS 329.170) language refers to Oregon prekindergarten program children “three and four years of age.” Senate Bill 25 aligns the age language to correspond to ODE administration of the state funded EHS program for mothers and children from birth to age three.

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