



# OREGON EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

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The Honorable Representative Komp, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Senator Monroe, Co-Chair  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street  
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**Re: Response to HB 3234 Questions**

Dear Co-Chairs,

During the Ways and Means Hearing for HB 3234 and April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, several questions were posed. Attached is a spreadsheet of the questions that were asked, responses that were given (if any) as well as our answers to those questions.

Please let me know if you need more information on these or any other questions you and the committee may have.

Sincerely,

  
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Early Learning System Director

Cc: Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Cc: Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office

## W&M Education Subcommittee HB 3234 Hearing (4/29 – 4/30)

Date	Legislator/ Commenter	Question/Comment	Synopsis of answer given in hearing	Follow-up response
<b>4/29/13</b>				
4/29/13	Komp	Any sunsets on these bills we will have to address in the future? [SB 909, HB 4165, HB 3234, HB 2013]	Pam Curtis: HB 2013 has provisions, but that bill isn't before you today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technically SB 909 “sunsetting” OEIB and ELC without using the word (Section 10 and 11 of the enrolled bill repeals the creation of the OEIB and ELC, so it doesn't “sunset” them but it repeals them). The OEIB repeal/sunset is important because Sen. Girod created it.</li> <li>• HB 4165 removed the repeal of the ELC since the ELC as established in HB 4165 has duties and functions that would allow it (and in fact require it with the Head Start Act and child care duties) to operate with or without the existence of the OEIB.</li> <li>• HB 3234: None.</li> </ul>
4/29/13	Komp	Do you include relief nursery use in the pie chart showing where kids are?	Pam: Relief Nursery use is considered supplemental, and not counted in this chart as childcare, but we will want to measure this in the future.	Note: Relief Nurseries are licensed and so they would be considered part of the 27%.
4/29/13	Komp	Where do these [slide 9-10] funds come from? Wants a breakout of these.	Jada Rupley: WIC and TANF \$ are included in the total investment of about \$1 billion.	Jada/Kate will answer in budget slides remainder of presentation 4/30/13. Rhonda provided breakdown by funding type.
4/29/13	Sprenger	Questioned value of \$136 million for child care, asked if	Jada: We will talk more about that subsidy for working parents in the	Kara to present in her slides 4/30/13.

		those dollars going into “babysitting” can be shifted into a better tool.	section by Kara Waddell.	
4/29/13	Girod	The Governor promised cost savings, and I want to see them in the costs of centralization... I want to ensure centralization doesn't lose administration in rural areas.	Jada: Defers to Kate during budget presentation and more discussion in hearing on HB 2013 to ensure children and families are covered statewide.	In hearing 4/30/13 and for HB 2013. Better outcomes for investments in spending. Example, doubling of Relief Nursery \$ will result in downstream cost avoidance for foster care, public safety issues.  It is not the state's role to fund random programs without accountability; reference 245 contracts in 36 counties. Operating as a true early learning system in this state for the first time, driven by local needs. \$9M spent on administrative staff in 36 counties under old model.  Pam will explain some flex funded-programs providers will change; always a possibility in two-year cycles.  Pam to discuss social innovation financing model.
4/29/13	Komp	If ELC is only overseeing X dollars, who is overseeing the other dollars? The counties or the feds?	Pam: We will discuss more detail in subsequent slides on those programs not being consolidated into the ELD. The council, as a policy body, is working to make connections with the other agencies to ensure shared metrics and accountability.	Yes, in hearing on 4/30/13. Rhonda to have breakdown of GF/OF/FF sources to Jada and Kate.
4/29/13	Komp	Is Ages & Stages questionnaire in multiple languages? It needs	Jada: Yes, the form is in at least English and Spanish, online and at	Answered 4/30/13: Four websites currently offered English, Spanish, French

		to be in 10-12 languages.	libraries.	and Chinese. Working on other languages.
4/29/13	Sprenger	Where are completed Ages & Stages questionnaires housed, who has access, and is use totally voluntary?	Pam: ELC created in part to implement statutory requirement for 13 years for universal voluntary screening. It is used in early learning settings and pediatricians' offices. User friendly and cross verified. The referral handoff will be the work of the Early Learning Hubs.	Yes: Dana Hargunani reports info stays within the program that did the screening, except when a referral is placed to EI/ECSE. Healthcare providers keep as part of their medical records. Regardless of source may be shared on referral only with signed parental release.  No central database for screening data available to multiple sources.  UO online data is confidential and given to parents and researchers, and is not broadly available.
4/29/13	Frederick	Teachers and parents don't see the value of the new kindergarten assessment, because it takes away time from teaching and play. If we are going to do this assessment, we need to stop doing the others and give teachers time to teach and not answer somebody else's need for data. How do we make this really effective, and not just somebody saying data is going to answer everything?	Sen. Monroe: Having 29 kids in a classroom is a lot of the problem. It's troubling that we have teachers with 29 kids in class speaking 17 different languages.  Pam: Assessment is required by the Race to the Top grant, and we are committed to the least-invasive, most-useful tool. Absolutely committed to delivering results to that kindergarten teachers have fewer no-shows in class and kids being pulled out for assessments. We know that we will have adjustments to make.	None.  Note: Kindergarten readiness assessment isn't something kindergarten teachers "teach to." It is meant to spark a community reaction to improve readiness.