

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| Vote: | 9 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 3/15, 4/15, 4/17 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Early Learning Division in the Department of Education (ODE). Places control of Early Learning Division under Early Learning Council (ELC), with Early Learning System Director Serving as administrative officer. Tasks Early Learning Division with administration of Oregon prekindergarten program. Directs ODE to establish criteria for early childhood education programs governed by federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. Directs Early Learning Division to prepare operating guides for child development and teenage parent programs. Requires State Interagency Coordinating Council to submit report to legislature that provides recommendation about appropriate entity to adopt rules and develop policy related to early childhood special education and early intervention services. Establishes in Early Learning Division a Child Care Office responsible for administering federal funds. Changes name from Child Care Division to Child Care Office. Adds one member to State Board of Education who is also a member of the Oregon Education Investment Board. Transfers duties, functions, and powers relating to administration and enforcement of ELC to Early Learning Division of ODE. Gives ELC rulemaking authority to establish percentage for tax credit certified by Child Care Office. Makes ELC state advisory council for federal Head Start Act. Directs ELC to adopt rules for certification of family child care home of not more than 16 children. Directs ELC to adopt rules relating to disbursement of monies in the Child Care Fund. Directs ELC to establish by rule percentage of child care fees charged by participating child care provider to low income families.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relief nurseries
- Purpose of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Transfers duties, functions, and powers relating to administration and enforcement of ELC to Early Learning Division of ODE. Directs Early Learning System Director to deliver to ODE records and property, and to transfer employees necessary to accomplish purposes of Act. Directs Superintendent of Public Instruction to take possession of records and property, and to take charge of employees without reduction in compensation but subject to change or termination. Provides Governor shall resolve any dispute between ELC and ODE relating to transfer. Directs monies authorized for ELC to ODE and retains expenditure classifications. Renames Early Learning Council Fund as Early Learning Division Fund, established in Treasury as distinct and separate from General Fund. Gives ELC rulemaking authority to establish percentage for tax credit certified by Child Care Office. Makes ELC state advisory council for federal Head Start Act. Directs ELC to adopt rules for certification of family child care home of not more than 16 children. Directs ELC to adopt rules relating to disbursement of monies in the Child Care Fund. Directs ELC to establish by rule percentage of child care fees charged by participating child care provider to low income families.

BACKGROUND: Research indicates that high-quality, early care and learning experiences are the foundation of educational success and the first line of defense in closing the achievement gap and reducing the dropout rate.

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