

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 4 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gelser, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	Gilliam, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/11, 4/15, 4/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Early Learning Council (ELC) and Department of Education to assist school districts in implementing kindergarten readiness assessments for children. Requires standardized screening and referral services for voluntary statewide early learning system. Expands assessments for Healthy Start Family Support Services programs to include children from zero to three years of age. Directs Oregon Health Authority and ELC to develop performance metrics for prenatal care, delivery and infant care. Instructs Oregon Health Authority and ELC to establish grant program to support strategies that align voluntary statewide early learning systems and health systems to improve developmental outcomes for children from zero through three years of age. Requires preschool child with disability have comprehensive communication plan by the age of three years. Directs ELC to establish demonstration project. Appropriates funds from the General Fund for demonstration projects.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reaching the most at-risk children
- Coordination of the service delivery system
- Supporting families with consideration as families as the “first teacher”
- Shared accountability
- Improving a child’s interaction with his/her peers
- Stability of services along the continuum

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Early Learning Council (ELC), under the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB), was created through legislation in 2011. The Council guides efforts to “integrate and streamline” state programs for at-risk youth and ensures that children are prepared to learn when they enter kindergarten. Out of every 10 children in Oregon, at least four are not ready for kindergarten. Goals of the Oregon Early Childhood System include, and are not limited to: 1) the prevention of child abuse and neglect; 2) linking and integrating system programs and supports; and 3) parental braces in providing supportive environment for young children. House Bill 2013A