



HB 3380

**Early Learning Division to Preschool
Education Committee, HR D
1:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015**

HOW THIS PROPOSAL WILL HELP OREGON'S CHILDREN

- this legislation would begin building a preschool system that aligns with Head Start but also allows for a mix of other providers;
- it would set quality standards so that no matter where children attend parents know their children are well cared for,

OREGON IS LAGGING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Oregon ranks in the bottom quarter nationally for access to state-funded preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- Seventy-two percent of 3- and 4-year-olds from low-income Oregon families – about 32,000 children from those families – don't have access to high-quality preschool.

HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL WORKS

- It helps to close the achievement gap and gets children ready for kindergarten and on track for third-grade success.
- There is no greater return on investment in education than early learning. Research shows preschool provides benefits to society of roughly \$8.60 for every \$1 spent.