

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/09/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Subsequent Referral To Tax Credits Be Rescinded. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 03/19, 04/09

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Codifies Early Learning Council's responsibility to develop funding for Early Learning Hubs as specified. Requires annual reports by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Requires specified evaluation and report with recommendations to Legislature by February 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History, function and success of Early Learning Hubs
- Continuing early education transformation
- Customized coordination and cooperation at local levels
- Family engagement

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Requires annual reports by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Requires specified evaluation and report with recommendations to Legislature by February 1, 2019.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2013, the Legislature passed House Bill 2013, authorizing the creation of sixteen regional, community-based Early Learning Hubs (Hubs) to establish an aligned, coordinated, and family-centered early childhood system; to ensure that children arrived at school ready to succeed; and to ensure that Oregon's children lived in healthy, stabled, attached families. The first six Hubs were designated in November of 2013; another eight are expected to finalize contractual arrangements by June of 2015; and two more are expected to be ready by June 2015.

Senate Bill 213-A codifies the Early Learning Council's responsibility to develop funding to continue Early Learning Hubs.