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## Vote YES on HB 2015 Help Stabilize and Support Oregon Families

Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) stabilizes and strengthens families by providing a safe, enriching environment for children while allowing their parents to enter the workforce.

HB 2015 makes needed eligibility improvements and supplies ERDC benefits to more families. In October 2014 a reservation list for ERDC was started due to budgetary limitations. As of June 2015, more than 3,800 families are waiting for the opportunity to afford quality childcare while they work.

### Benefits of HB 2015:

- **Removes the Cliff Effect:** Increases the ERDC exit eligibility from 185% of the federal poverty level to 250%. This will increase family financial stability.
- **Provides One-year Protected Eligibility:** A change in income or work hours would no longer force disruption to childcare arrangements during a one-year period, avoiding negative impacts on children. Families would still be required to report a change of childcare provider.
- **Covers the Self-employed:** Low-income parents who are self-employed in occupations like housecleaning, cosmetology, or delivery driving would be able to access the program so they can afford childcare as they grow their businesses.
- **Encourages Education:** Parents improving their employment prospects through education would receive ERDC for school time in addition to their work hours.
- **Allows families to Choose Quality Care:** By funding at the nationally recommended 75th percentile, families will be able to choose from a wide variety of providers who best meet their needs.
- **Incentivizes Better Care:** Federal legislation requires Oregon to improve its childcare services.
- **Reduces the Wait List:** Helps more of the 3,821 families who have signed up for ERDC services.

Funding the bill at \$45 million would reduce the wait list by almost one-quarter. Each additional \$5 million to ERDC would allow 250 more families to come off the waitlist. These parents would join the workforce and their children would receive quality care.

**Please Support Children by Supporting HB 2015!**

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