

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/24/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 06/24

Vote:

House

Yeas: 8 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Smith, Williamson

Nays: 3 - McLane, Whisnant, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Rayfield

Senate

Yeas: 9 - Burdick, Devlin, Hansell, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: 3 - Girod, Johnson, Whitsett

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Codifies Early Learning Council’s responsibility to develop funding for Early Learning Hubs as specified. Requires the Early Learning Council to develop metrics for the Hubs. Provides the Council authority to provide similar services and responsibilities as a Hub if there is no locally developed Hub. Requires annual reports by September 15th. Requires specified evaluation and report with recommendations to Legislature by February 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current coverage of Hubs across the State

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislature passed House Bill 2013, authorizing the creation of sixteen regional, community-based Early Learning 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 codifies the Early Learning Council’s responsibility to develop funding to continue Early Learning Hubs.