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To: Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair
Representative Barbara Smith-Warner, Co-Chair
Ways and Means Education Subcommittee

From: David Mandell, Acting Early Learning Systems Director

RE: Education Agency Presentation - Follow Up from March 2nd Hearing

During the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee on March 2nd, Rep. Whisnant asked for information regarding the number of child care facilities over time.

The attached information was compiled by Dr. Bobbie Weber, Faculty Research Associate, Hallie Ford Center for Healthy Children and Families, College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University. Dr. Weber is a member of the Early Learning Council and chairs the Council's Child Care and Education committee.

The information in the attached material provides additional detail. To summarize the main points as sought by Rep. Whisnant, the document first describes how child population and household income of families with children impacts the amount, the type, and the price of child care and education that exists in a community. A pattern observed in Oregon is that the supply is typically greatest in counties in the Willamette Valley plus Jackson and Deschutes. Child care supply is typically more limited in rural than urban and suburban communities although local investments can change that as is the case in Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties.

With regard to the change in child care supply over time, the information shows that although the number of facilities has decreased over time, the amount of available child care has increased. This is because centers care for larger numbers of children than do homes and the number of centers has increased while the number of homes has decreased.

If you should have need for further clarification after reviewing the information provided by Dr. Weber, please let me know.

