



OREGON HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Investing in Head Start is Investing in Oregon's Future

Please Support HB 3106

The Oregon Head Start Association supports passage of -3 amendments to HB 3106. Legislation simply encourages collaboration during the enrollment process between certain early learning providers, and it provides the ELD flexibility to administer new federal regulations that mandate OPK programs at the federal level offer full day programming.

The -3 amendment replaces HB 3106 and do two things.

1.) Legislation encourages collaboration at the HUB level between OPK and Pre-K Promise programs during the enrollment process.

“(B) Convene annual meetings between representatives of the Oregon prekindergarten program and the preschool program described in this section to coordinate the enrollment of eligible children in the programs before the eligible children are enrolled. The representatives shall collaborate to determine the program that best meets the needs of eligible children and their families within the Early Learning Hub.

2.) The Federal government recently made changes and are requiring OPK programs to head toward full-day programs. This bill includes language requested by the ELD to help OPK programs transition to compliance with federal standards.

(d) The Early Learning Council shall develop implementation plans for changes to the federal Head Start performance, operating standards or guidelines adopted on or after the effective date of this Act.

(e) Notwithstanding ORS 329.195 (b), the Early Learning Council may adopt rules to allow grant recipients, based on community assessments, provide part day, full day or a combination part and full day programming to meet the community needs.