SB 1051 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Family Supports

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits a provision in an instrument conveying real property that restricts the use of the property as a certified or registered family child care home. Prohibits enforcement of condominium or homeowners association restrictions of use of a unit as a certified or registered family child care home. Applies to instruments conveying fee title to real property that are executed, and provisions of governing documents and guidelines that are adopted, on or after the effective date.

No fiscal impact

No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to child care for families and child care providers
- Characteristics of license-exempt (regulated) child care providers
- State and federal health and safety requirements for child care providers
- Use of employment-related day care subsidies by families in home-based care
- Common wall and insurance bylaws of Homeowner Associations (HOAs) and condominiums
- Access to quality and affordable child care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is part of the Early Learning Division in the Oregon Department of Education, and is responsible for licensing and certifying child care in Oregon and ensuring training, inspections and background checks.

There are three types of home-based child care: license-exempt providers (regulated) that receive subsidies to provide care for up to three children not related to the provider; registered family child care programs (licensed) that provide care for up to 10 children and certified family child care programs (licensed) that provide care for up to 16 children. Home-based child care has the benefit of operating outside of traditional center hours.

There is a shortage of child care slots in Oregon. A study conducted by Oregon State University finds that Oregon currently has 17 slots in home-based programs and centers per 100 children (under the age of 13). Presently, condominiums and planned communities by a Home Owner Associations (HOA) can have by-laws and other documents with provisions that ban certified, registered or license-exempt child care in their units.