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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Re: SB 314 Relating to Relief Nursery programs

Representative Whisnant: “SB 314 directs the Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division to support Relief Nursery programs and provides specific examples of qualifying costs for which funding may support. The bill defines a Relief Nursery program and requires programs to report child participation and progress to a database created and maintained by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries. The bill excludes state asset forfeiture proceeds from the calculation of minimum community matching funds required for Relief Nursery programs.

The recommended amendment restores the authority of the Early Learning Division to contract with relief nurseries and removes the requirement that Relief Nursery programs be certified by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries. The amendment also permits the Division to adopt rules and take any action before the operative date of the bill. The bill has a minimal fiscal impact.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 314 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”