

**HB 2608 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates a standard for Department of Human Services payments to child care providers in counties where the unemployment rate is higher than the average unemployment rate for Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Limits the standard for Employment Related Day Care program payments to the actual cost of care.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon’s Department of Human Services (DHS) operates the Employment-Related Day Care program (ERDC), which helps eligible low-income families pay for child care. The ERDC is a subsidy program, where eligible families still pay part of the cost for child care services and the subsidy depends on the family’s income, size, and amount the child care provider charges. According to DHS, the ERDC works with “providers and other child care partners across the state to help families find and keep good child care, improve the availability of quality child care in Oregon, and to develop resources for parents and child care providers.”