

**HB 2024 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Early Learning Division (ELD) to administer a program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families that are eligible for Employment-Related Day Care program (ERDC). Requires Early Learning Hubs (Hubs) to conduct a community needs assessment to identify geographic areas or populations that have highest need for improved access to high quality infant and toddler care for families eligible for ERDC. Requires Hubs to submit community plan for addressing needs identified in assessment to ELD. Requires ELD to contract with resource and referral entities to recruit eligible providers to participate in infant and toddler care program. Requires ELD to identify local entity within each Hub region responsible for awarding grants and contracts to eligible providers. Defines “local entity.”

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Human Services’ Employment-Related Day Care program (ERDC) helps eligible low-income families pay for child care while they are working. ERDC provides a subsidy, meaning that eligible families still pay a part of the child care cost. ERDC also works with providers and other child care partners across the state to help families find and retain good child care, improve the availability of quality child care in Oregon, and to develop resources for parents and child care providers.

House Bill 2024 directs the Early Learning Division to administer a program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for ERDC-eligible families.