

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

The committee's recommendation for roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood is historic. Oregon is in an early childhood crisis, and the time is now for us to invest big in the collected solutions that work: child care, early learning, and partnerships with families!

Our families are struggling with multiple burdens and challenges, which will ultimately affect the financial health of our state. Investing in kids and families today will make us stronger in the future.

Sincerely,
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