

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.

I was glad to see that your committee has approved roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. Investing in early childhood reduces inequality, expands young minds, and sets children on the path to success. As a Portland parent I can tell you it's CRAZY trying to find affordable child care...or just child care at all in this town. We need more folks to be able to access funds to get quality care for their kids. Please help us make this investment - it is SO urgently needed.

Sincerely,  
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