

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.

Not enough young children in Oregon get the early care and education they need during the critical first five years. I'm glad the committee has voted on \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. I hope you'll fully fund the Early Childhood Coalition's package of proven approaches for young kids and families.

Sincerely,

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