

HB 2262 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies duties of the Early Learning Council, as specified. Adds Oregon tribal representative to council membership. Makes representatives of state agencies nonvoting members. Modifies duties of Youth Development Council, as specified.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the legislature passed Senate Bill 909, which established the ELC, and charged it with developing recommendations to merge, redesign, or improve the coordination of early childhood services. In 2012, the legislature passed House Bill 4165, which further aligned early learning services and programs. Originally, the ELC had nine members, but expanded up to 20 members to meet requirements of the federal Head Start Act. House Bill 2262 A directs ELC to coordinate and align the system of early learning services, eliminates ELC's implementation and oversight duties, reduces council membership to nine voting members, requires one voting member be an Oregon tribal representative, makes state agency officials nonvoting members, and directs ELC to designate a committee, separate from the ELC, to serve as a state advisory council for the federal Head Start Act. The bill also changes the purpose of the Youth Development Council from oversight to coordination of a unified and aligned youth services system.