

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2024

Relating to early childhood care

HB 2024 directs the Early Learning Division of Oregon Department of Education to administer a pilot program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families are eligible for the Employment Related Day Care program and whose incomes are at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. It requires Early Learning Hubs to conduct a community needs assessment to identify geographic areas or populations that have the highest need and submit a plan to the Early Learning Division. It also requires the Early Learning Division to contract with resource and referral entities to recruit eligible providers to participate in infant and toddler care program and identify a local entity within each Hub region responsible for awarding grants and contracts to eligible providers.

The Department of Education will continue the pilot project in 2019-21 with \$9 million in funds from the federal Child Care Development Fund. These funds are included in the Department of Education's budget bill.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2024 be reported out do pass.