

HB 2262 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Alonso Leon

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/18/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-2-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Neron, Reardon, Sollman

Nays: 2 - Reschke, Wallan

Exc: 1 - Hernandez

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies purpose and duties of Early Learning Council (ELC) to focus on statewide coordination, as specified. Adds to ELC at least one voting member to represent the tribes of the state. Adjusts status of ELC ex-officio members from voting to nonvoting. Changes duties of Youth Development Council to coordinating a unified and aligned system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Language implying authority for Early Learning Council to ensure families are healthy, stable, and attached
- Need for amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds at least one voting member on Early Learning Council to represent the tribes of the state. Changes duties of Youth Development Council to coordinating a unified and aligned system.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the federal Head Start program was signed into federal law with revisions to the previous Head Start Act. Oregon established the nine-member Early Learning Council (ELC) through Senate Bill 909 (2011). House Bill 4165 (2012) made modifications to the ELC, including changes to meet federal early childhood requirements.

House Bill 2262 A modifies the purpose of the Early Learning Council to align with current practice. It adds a member to the Council representing the tribes of the state. It adjusts the ELC membership by making ex-officio members non-voting. It also changes the duties of the Youth Development Council in law to align with current practice.