

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2348

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the second semicolon insert “and” and after
2 “329A.500” insert a period and delete the rest of the line and line 3.

3 Delete lines 5 through 27 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 329A.500 is amended to read:

5 “329A.500. (1) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Early Learning Di-
6 vision and the Office of Child Care, shall adopt rules for the operation of subsidy programs for
7 employment-related child care administered by the department. At a minimum, and taking into ac-
8 count the availability of funds, the rules must provide the following:

9 “(a) Subsidy recipients may be entitled to receive the subsidy for at least one year, regardless
10 of changes in employment. Rules adopted by the department may provide for termination of subsidy
11 eligibility for reasons other than changes in employment during the one-year period. Exit eligibility
12 and copays must be structured to mitigate the financial impact of reduced subsidy support due to
13 increased income.

14 “(b) Subsidy recipients who are enrolled in coursework, as defined by the department by rule,
15 may be entitled to receive the subsidy to enable the subsidy recipient to attend and participate in
16 the coursework provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

17 “(c) Persons who are self-employed may qualify for subsidy programs provided all other eligi-
18 bility requirements are met.

19 “(d) Subsidy recipients who voluntarily choose child care providers that meet minimum stan-
20 dards established under the tiered quality rating and improvement system implemented under ORS
21 329A.261 may qualify for lower copayments. A fair representation of the subsidy recipients who
22 qualify for lower copayments must be persons with children who are from underserved racial, ethnic
23 or minority populations. In addition, child care providers that meet specified minimum standards
24 established under the tiered quality rating and improvement system may receive an enhanced re-
25 imbursement under the subsidy programs.

26 “(e) Subsidy recipients must report a change of child care provider to the department during the
27 period a subsidy is being received.

28 “(2) The department shall:

29 “(a) Work to meet federal recommendations for income eligibility and market access in regard
30 to employment-related child care administered by the department[.]; and

31 “(b) **Reduce subsidy recipient copayments to no more than seven percent of household**
32 **income.**

33 “**SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
34 **biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the**
35 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 329A.500.”.**

