House Joint Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator TAYLOR

SUMMARY

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Directs state agencies to follow Childhood and Early Parenting Principles as framework for policies and programs for early parenting and early childhood development.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the critical early years of life are the foundation that shapes a child's future physical and mental health, with lifelong impacts not only for the child but for families, communities and societies; and

Whereas far too many children across all nations do not have the start in life to which they are entitled, especially when they live in poverty or face other forms of adversity, and evidence is clear about how much this costs in social, health and economic terms; and

Whereas the seven Childhood and Early Parenting Principles (CEPPs) provide a framework for achieving a transformative effect, breaking the persistent intergenerational cycles of poverty, adversity, disadvantage and violence seen in many areas of society today; and

Whereas the first principle is to provide leadership for early parenting and early childhood development at local, regional and national government levels; and

Whereas the second principle is to promote partnerships between government, nongovernment and civil society organizations; and

Whereas the third principle is to strive for universal access to early parenting and early childhood education and services while respecting cultural diversity and the voices of women and men; and

Whereas the fourth principle is to establish infrastructure and capacity for education and the delivery of care; and

Whereas the fifth principle is to promote best practices in education and the delivery of care for parents and professionals; and

Whereas the sixth principle is to adopt a multisector approach ensuring a continuum of care in the delivery of physical, emotional and mental health services and early childhood care; and

Whereas the seventh principle is to measure and publicly report on targets and achievements in relation to early parenting and early childhood development; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That the agencies of the State of Oregon shall follow the Childhood and Early Parenting Principles as a framework for action and investment in strong, effective policies and programs for early parenting and early childhood development.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.