

Requested by Representative POWER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2348**

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 “(c) Persons who are self-employed may qualify for subsidy programs

1 provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

2 “(d) Subsidy recipients who voluntarily choose child care providers that
3 meet minimum standards established under the tiered quality rating and im-
4 provement system implemented under ORS 329A.261 may qualify for lower
5 copayments. A fair representation of the subsidy recipients who qualify for
6 lower copayments must be persons with children who are from underserved
7 racial, ethnic or minority populations. In addition, child care providers that
8 meet specified minimum standards established under the tiered quality rating
9 and improvement system may receive an enhanced reimbursement under the
10 subsidy programs.

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

13 “(2) The department shall:

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

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

19 “**SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human**
20 **Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General**
21 **Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of carrying out the pro-**
22 **visions of ORS 329A.500.”.**

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