HB 2524 -6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Places limits on certain restrictions by local governments, planned communities, and condominiums on use of property for child care facilities. Allows development of child care facilities as conditional use on lands zoned for exclusive farm use. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-6 Clarifies that a child care center is permitted use in all areas zoned for commercial and industrial use, except where designated for heavy industrial use. Identifies reasonable conditions imposed by local government on child care centers in areas zoned for commercial and industrial use to include siting restrictions for properties designated on Department of Environmental Quality's statewide list of contaminated properties. Allows child care facilities, preschool recorded programs, or school-age recorded programs on lands zoned for exclusive farm use if authorized, for the children of residents and workers, and co-located with a community center or allowed public or private school.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Child Care oversees two types of family child care homes: certified and registered. ORS 3229A.280 establishes the Office of Child Care's responsibility to certify family child care homes, defined as single family dwellings where providers care for no more than 16 children. ORS 329A.330 establishes the Office of Child Care's responsibility to register family child care homes where providers care for a maximum of 10 children.

House Bill 2524 places limits on certain restrictions by local governments, planned communities, and condominiums on use of property for child care facilities and allows the development of child care facilities as a conditional use on lands zoned for exclusive farm use.