

April 14th, 2021

To: The House Early Childhood Committee

From: Rachel Jesequel ,

Re: Childcare funding and HB 3073

Dear Co-Chairs Betsy Johnson, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, and Dan Rayfield,

My name is Rachel Jesequel and I live in Tigard. I am writing to you in support of funding childcare programs in our state like the ERDC and HB 3073. I am a stay at home mom of 4 kids. I would like to go back to work to help support my family, but I have not been able to due to lack of affordable and quality childcare. This bill won't fix everything, but it is a step in the right direction to repair our broken and ineffective childcare "system" in Oregon. I hope you will keep caregiving and caregivers (both paid and unpaid) in the front of your minds throughout the budget-making process and legislative session. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rachel Jesequel