



January 31, 2021

House Committee on Early Childhood  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2055

Dear Chair Power, Vice-Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Zika, and Members of the Committee,

Our Children Oregon's (OCO) mission is to be a voice and force for the common good for all Oregon children, ensuring all children have the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential. OCO is the result of the merger between two historic Oregon non-profits: The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon and Children First For Oregon. We elevate data and lived experience to prioritize children and center communities. We continue to connect a community of 115 advocates, coalitions, and organizations through The Children's Agenda, a legislative agenda championing equitable state legislative policies and shared investments to improving the lives of Oregon's children and their families.

HB 2055 is part of the 2021 Children's Agenda. We support HB 2055 because the creation of a Tribal Early Learning Hub was requested by Oregon Tribes, and the legislation proposes a process that works with Tribes to develop the details of how this Hub would work and be funded. For too long, public policies directly impacting Indigenous communities have been designed without their input. When public policy is developed by and for the communities it is designed to impact, it can have a lasting and transformative effect.

We urge you to support HB 2055.

Thank you for your consideration,

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