

### Background

The Oregon Department of Human Services administers Oregon’s Employment-Related Day Care program (ERDC) which helps eligible low-income families pay for childcare while they are working.

Oregon Department of Revenue administers a refundable personal income tax credit for low to moderate-income families to assist with their employment related childcare expenses. The credit is limited to dependent children under age 13 or a disabled spouse or dependent who is not able to care for themselves. The childcare expenses are limited to \$12,000 for one qualifying individual and \$24,000 for two or more qualifying individuals.

### Senate Bill 473

The bill directs the Department of Revenue to work with the Department of Human Services and the Early Learning Division to identify individuals, based on income from the immediately preceding calendar year, who may qualify for ERDC services. The Department of Revenue is then required to notify any taxpayer that may be eligible for ERDC services about how to access employment-related day care.

### Implementation Notes

The [\\_1 amendment](#) ensures the Department of Revenue and Department of Human Services (DHS) will collaborate in identifying taxpayers who may be eligible to participate in the ERDC program. The amendment also establishes an effective timeline for the department to identify taxpayers and communicate with them regarding their potential eligibility for the program. The department will coordinate with DHS to ensure taxpayers have access to helpful information to access the program.

A subsequent amendment will clearly establish authority for the Department of Revenue to use the last known address from tax returns to communicate with potential program participants.

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