

HB 4005 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

extends by six months the date by which the Early Learning Division (ELD) will transition to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to July 1, 2023;

Enacts the following:

- extends by one year the date by which the Early Learning Council is required to establish a process for determining the true cost of child care to July 1, 2023;
- clarifies the role of the Office of Child Care in relation to the resource and referral system;
- extends by 15 months the date by which the Early Learning Division must report on the implementation of the suspension and expulsion ban;
- modifies provisions governing the Office of Child Care's ability to share information;
- modifies provisions governing the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidy program, including establishing a definition of subsidized care facilities and requiring subsidized care facilities to participate in the central background registry, allows the Early Learning Council to remove individuals from the Central Background Registry for violating certain rules and allows the Department of Human Services, the Office of Child Care, and the Early Learning Council to take any actions necessary to provide for ERDC's transition from DHS to DELIC;
- allows the use of Early Learning Account moneys for costs incurred in conducting the required biennial evaluation;
- requires the adoption of ERDC reimbursement rates that are equal to or greater than the 90th percentile of the 2020 Oregon Child Care Market Price Study rate for certified or registered providers, 85 percent of that amount for exempt child care centers that are enhanced, 75 percent of that amount for exempt child care centers that are not enhanced, and an 18 percent increase over the maximum rates on January 1, 2022 for exempt family child care homes; and
- postpones the date on which automatic sprinkler systems may be required for child care facilities to January 1, 2024 and establishes a related reporting requirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies a reporting date related to Employment Related Day Care costs, modifies definitions of subsidized care and subsidized care facility, allows for gradual transition of Central Background Registry from Department of Human Services to Early Learning Division, removes provisions relating to sprinklers, and makes technical changes.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3073, creating the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC). House Bill 4005 enacts changes to allow extra time for the transition to the new Department.