HB 4005 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

Action Date: 02/09/22

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

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Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Lively, Neron, Power, Reynolds, Schouten, Weber, Wright, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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. Modifies 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 and subject individuals 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 (DHS), the Office of Child Care, and the Early Learning Council to take any actions necessary to provide for ERDC's transition from DHS to Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). Allows for the gradual transition of the Central Background Registry from DHS to DELC. Allows the use of Early Learning Account moneys for costs incurred in conducting the required biennial evaluation. Requires the adoption of specific ERDC reimbursement rates based on the 2020 Oregon Child Care Market Price Study rate. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Employment Related Day Care
- Creation of Department of Early Learning and Care
- Needs of providers
- Needs of families

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies a reporting date related to Employment Related Day Care costs, modifies definitions of subsidized care and subsidized care facility, requires subject individuals to be enrolled in Central Background Registry, 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 (DELC). House Bill 4005 A enacts changes to allow extra time for the transition to the new Department.