

Testimony in Support of HB 4005
February 2, 2022

Dear Chair Power, Vice Chairs Reynolds and Zika, and members of the House Committee on Early Childhood:

My name is Anne-Marie Holloway, I own and operate Miss Ann's Kiddie Korner in Douglas and Josephine Counties. I started as a provider in 2005 in order to be around my own kiddos. Now I run a Certified Family child care home and two Certified Centers. I currently serve a total of 100 students.

My program is special for many reasons, but the biggest reason is that I have two locations right next door to one another. With these two locations, I'm able to help support children as young as 6 weeks all the way through 12 years old. They can start in the nursery center specifically designed for children up to 3 years old and then when they turn 3 they can go right next door to the space tailored to older children's needs.

We are also unique in that we provide transportation to 4 different Elementary Schools in our area. I grew up in this area, so I am well known in my community. I employ 8 staff members at the 2 locations in Riddle. I also run a facility in Grants Pass, where I employ 8 staff members as well. Grants Pass is definitely a child care desert. It would be a huge help to families in the community if we were able to expand in Grants Pass, and having additional financial support to do so would be the only way we would be able to do that. Additionally, we, and many others, are unable to pay staff members everything they deserve for the important work that they do. The additional supports provided in HB 4005 would help me hire and pay staff members at rates that are more comparable to what they actually deserve.

Thank you,

Anne-Marie Holloway