

Submitter: Sky Lockhart  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood  
Measure: HB4005

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To: House Committee on Early Childhood  
From: Sky Lockhart, Portland  
Re: Child Care and HB 4005

Chair Power, Vice Chairs Reynolds and Zika, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 4005. My name is Sky Lockhart, I live in Portland, OR and I am a parent of a seven year old. My child is returning to in-person school next year and I'm concerned about paying for after school care. I utilize friend family neighbor care, and increasing the ERDC subsidy rates will increase the chances that someone will be able to provide care for my child. Likewise, waiving the sprinkler requirement will make it more likely that someone like this will be able to provide care in their home.

This bill will help mitigate the chronic state of economic insecurity that the lack of childcare for my child's whole life has caused my family. It may not do anything to help my chronic health problems that were caused by the constant toxic stress due to lack of childcare in the past, but improving protective factors for this social determinant of health will help reduce my risk for health problems in the future.

Please vote yes for HB 4005.  
Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sky Lockhart