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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood  
Measure: HB4005

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To: House Committee on Early Childhood  
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Re: Child Care and HB 4005  
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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 Daysi Bedolla, I live in Salem Oregon, and I am the oldest sister out of four who has taken care of my siblings for over 20 years.

I'm writing to support HB 4005 because I know that access to child care is necessary for joyful children, thriving families, and a strong economy. The pandemic has made clear that without care work, no other work can happen. I have seen many families struggle to find childcare that is affordable and work with the parents' work hours for the last two years.

Navigating access to childcare during the pandemic has affected all of our Oregonian families especially those where both parents work to make ends meet. A parent should not have to choose between putting a roof over their child or making sure they are taken care of while they are out there supporting our economy.

HB 4005 will:

Support Oregon's child care systems development through HB 3073 Implementation with increased capacity to stand up the new Department of Early Learning and Care.

Our state cannot afford to not invest in child care, especially in the midst of an ongoing pandemic. Providers should be properly compensated for their work, and families should have access to high-quality, affordable, and culturally relevant childcare. Please invest in child care and support HB 4005.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daysi Bedolla

