



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

Senate Education Committee: SB 427

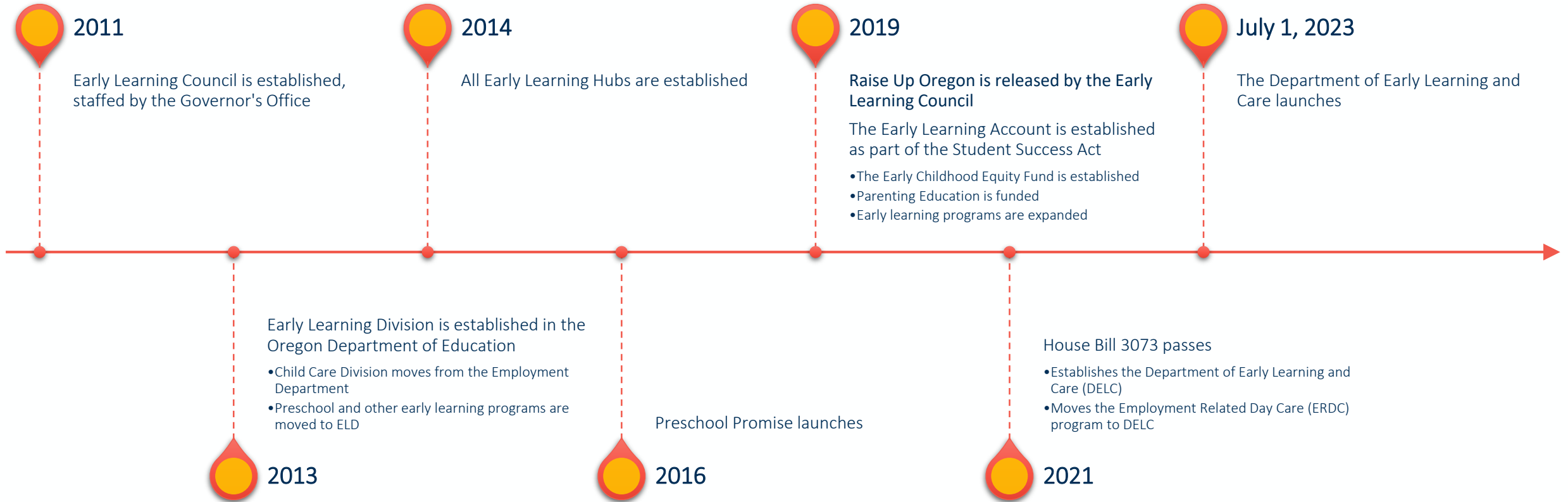
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Early Care & Education Timeline



Why the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELCC)?

Oregon needs a consolidated child care sector and unified, publicly-funded early care and education that provides:

A strong early learning system for Oregon's children and families supports small businesses, preschool programs, schools and nonprofits.

A coordination and alignment of early learning programs.

A child care and early learning system that is more responsive to the needs of and can grow the equitable access of care to children, families and providers.



Senate Bill 427 – An Overview

Senate Bill 427 is necessary for DELC's success.

Working to stand up DELC, necessary additional statutory authority has been identified to carry out DELC's duties. The authorities ensure DELC can:

- Leverage the state's technological infrastructure to administer the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program
- Fully discharge its administrative duties





SB 427 – Administering ERDC

SB 427 ensures that ERDC will remain available to families through the ONE Eligibility System and that there will be no disruption to provider payments

HB 3073 transferred programmatic authority for ERDC from the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to DELC, but ODHS and DELC will partner to administer ERDC

- ERDC will remain part of ODHS's ONE Eligibility System
- Until DELC stands up a Provider Management System, provider payments will be made through ODHS's current payment systems

As DELC is legally responsible for the program, it needs the authority to allow additional agencies to assist with ERDC's administration

SB 427 establishes authority for the directors of DELC and ODHS to delegate duties, functions, or powers to one another in pursuit of administering programs and to share and host data in centralized platforms



SB 427 – DELC's Administrative Duties

SB 427 also ensures DELC can fulfill its mandates and support the efficient administration of its programs

The bill:

- Clarifies appropriate uses of the Early Learning Account and delineation of funds for DELC and the Oregon Department of Education
- Preserves the ability to expend legislatively-directed appropriations
- Amends DELC's procurement authority to more accurately reflect DELC's charges
- Ensures appropriate delegation authority for director

Questions?

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