

HB 2727 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), in consultation with Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), to convene a work group to examine strategies for expanding early learning and care facilities. Appropriates unspecified moneys from General Fund to implement directive. Requires work group to study how zoning regulations, building codes, and permitting practices inhibit or support expansion of early learning and care facilities. Specifies work group membership and selection guidelines. Prescribes criteria for scope of study. Requires work group to report findings and recommendations to interim legislative committees by December 31, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Architectural and capacity limits faced when repurposing buildings as child care centers
- Shortage of child care facilities and workforce
- Delays in permit approval for improvements and renovations
- Complexity of overlapping requirements related to zoning and building codes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies work group membership. Directs work group to conduct a review, rather than a study, of information and research on the impact of zoning regulations, building codes, and permitting practices on the expansion of early learning and care facilities.

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BACKGROUND:

The supply of early learning and care facilities in Oregon is impacted by regulations on the use of land and structures, such as local and statewide land use plans, zoning ordinances, building codes, and permitting practices. Commercial facilities, including child care providers, are limited in where and how they may operate in accordance with these regulations. The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the state's land use planning agency, is responsible for administering the statewide land use planning system through the use of statewide planning goals, administrative rules, and guidance to local governments.

House Bill 2727 directs DLCD, in consultation with Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), to convene a work group that would examine the impact of land use regulations, zoning ordinances, building codes, and permitting practices on the supply of child care services and facilities in Oregon, and to develop strategies to overcome barriers created by these regulations in order to promote the expansion of child care. The measure requires that the work group report to interim legislative committees and appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund moneys to DLCD for implementation.