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# **Measure Description:**

Directs the Department of Early Learning and Care to convene a work group of stakeholders with relevant background, experience, or knowledge to study the optimal use of child care navigators to support access to and enrollment in child care and early learning programs in the state.

## **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Human Services, School Districts, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Klamath Tribes, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

### **Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

### **Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Early Learning and Care		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$174,443	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$18,600	\$0
Total General Fund	\$193,043	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$193,043	\$0
Total Positions	1	0
Total FTE	0.75	0.00

#### Analysis:

House Bill 3027, as amended by the -3 amendments, directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC), in consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS), including the director or designee of the Oregon Eligibility Partnership, to convene a work group of stakeholders with relevant background, experience, or knowledge to study the optimal use of child care navigators to support access to and enrollment in child care and early learning programs in the state. The work group must, among other things, examine the feasibility of DELC hiring or contracting with community-based child care navigators to assist families in accessing and enrolling in child care and early learning programs, and analyze how child care navigators may assist specific groups of people with accessing and enrolling in child care or early learning programs. The Early Learning Council may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation of the measure. DELC must prepare and submit two reports on the findings of the study to interim legislative committees related to early childhood by November 30, 2023, and July 30, 2024, respectively. The measure takes effect on passage and is repealed on January 2, 2025.

#### **Department of Early Learning and Care**

The measure is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on DELC. To support the work of the work group, DELC would need one limited duration, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (0.75 FTE) to lead the work group,

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conduct research and analysis, and draft the two reports. The estimated cost of the position, including related services and supplies, is \$193,043 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. The position would be phased out at the end of 2023-25.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact to the State's General Fund and DELC's biennial budget.

# **Other Government Units**

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Eligibility Partnership within DHS, and no fiscal impact on school districts and the nine federally recognized Indian Tribes.

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