

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5013

Department of Early Learning and Care

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 5013 is the budget bill for the Department of Early Learning and Care. This is a new department, created to unify, coordinate, and strengthen Oregon’s early learning and child care system. The first day of operation as a new state agency is July 1st, 2023.

The Education Subcommittee approved a budget of \$1.3 billion, with 341 positions and 332.35 FTE. This represents a 0.6% increase over the current service level. \$1.18 billion, or over 90% of the agency’s budget, supports child care subsidies, child care and early learning programs, and family and provider supports. The Education Subcommittee approved the addition of nine positions for agency operations, \$1.2 million to expand the Healthy Families Oregon home visiting program to Lincoln County, and provided specific direction to the agency to use funding within its budget to increase provider rates in order to attract and retain a qualified early childhood workforce.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5013 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.