

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2683

Relating to child eligibility to participate in Employment Related Day Care Subsidy program

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

HB 2683 expands access to the Employment Related Day Care program, which provides subsidized access to child care for families with working parents. The bill establishes new eligibility criteria that assess household income, employment status, involvement with child welfare or related services, or the use of domestic violence, homelessness, or teen parent services. These new eligibility criteria take effect on July 1st of 2025 and July 1st of 2027, but policy development, rulemaking, and changes to the ONE Eligibility and other IT systems must occur before those dates.

The -A3 amendment adds total funds of \$4.9 million and four positions (3.00 FTE) across the budgets of the Department of Early Learning and Care, the Department of Human Services, and the Oregon Health Authority to pay for and implement the required system updates to the ONE Eligibility and other IT systems in the 2023-25 biennium.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2683 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.