

Requested by Senator ANDERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1040**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “care” insert “; and declaring
2 an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘micro center’ means a**
5 **child care program located inside a residential or nonresidential facil-**
6 **ity that on a regular basis serves a minimum of three and a maximum**
7 **of 30 children for more than four hours a day.**

8 **“(2) The Department of Early Learning and Care shall establish and**
9 **administer by rule a pilot program to develop a sustainable model for**
10 **micro centers to provide affordable, high-quality early learning op-**
11 **portunities to communities in this state.**

12 **“(3) Under the program, the department shall provide technical as-**
13 **sistance to program participants to maximize the potential for micro**
14 **centers to succeed and serve as a model for others to increase access**
15 **to child care services in this state.**

16 **“(4)(a) Any child care facility in this state may apply to participate**
17 **in the program administered under this section.**

18 **“(b) The department shall select three child care facilities to par-**
19 **ticipate in the program as follows:**

20 **“(A) Select one child care facility from the Oregon coast, one child**
21 **care facility from eastern Oregon and one child care facility from the**

1 **Willamette Valley, as determined based on criteria established by the**
2 **department.**

3 **“(B) Give priority to applicants from communities in this state that**
4 **have the greatest need for child care and that agree to participate in**
5 **the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program.**

6 **“(5) At a minimum, the department shall:**

7 **“(a) Establish application processes and timelines by which appli-**
8 **cants may apply to the department to participate in the program;**

9 **“(b) Provide for the department to review and consider applicant**
10 **eligibility on a first-come, first-served basis; and**

11 **“(c) Establish eligibility criteria for approving or rejecting each**
12 **application on the basis of factors that may include, but need not be**
13 **limited to, the socioeconomic status of the population to be served.**

14 **“(6) The department shall consult with relevant stakeholders and**
15 **adopt guidelines for the program that streamline the development of**
16 **micro centers, foster innovation within the child care industry and**
17 **inform future regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to,**
18 **guidelines related to:**

19 **“(a) Staff qualifications that are appropriate for a micro center**
20 **operating in a community that lacks a sufficient number of college-**
21 **educated child care providers and child care facilities;**

22 **“(b) Allowing a director of a micro center to provide child care**
23 **services to children at the micro center in addition to handling ad-**
24 **ministrative responsibilities;**

25 **“(c) Facility requirements, including health and safety require-**
26 **ments, that are appropriate for a micro center operating in a building**
27 **that was not initially designed for child care but can be adapted to**
28 **provide child care under the program;**

29 **“(d) Age-group requirements that allow for mixed-aged groups and**
30 **flexible classrooms arrangements; and**

1 “(e) Adult-to-child ratio and maximum group requirements based
2 on available square footage, plumbing, staffing and other best prac-
3 tices for small child care operations in child care deserts.

4 “(7) The department shall prepare and submit a report in the man-
5 ner provided in ORS 192.245 on the implementation of the micro center
6 pilot program established under this section, and may include recom-
7 mendations for legislation, to a committee or interim committee of
8 the Legislative Assembly related to early learning and care on or be-
9 fore September 15, 2025.

10 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,
11 2026.

12 “SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
14 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.”.

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