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As a parent of young children and a researcher and educator who specializes in child development I support this bill. The developmental benefits of nature based play and exploration are well established. Early experiences with nature guided by knowledgeable, caring adults benefit children in all domains of health and wellbeing - cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally. Nature-based early childhood education programs should be recognized as an essential option for families.