SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates the CHIPS Child Care Fund. The Act tells the Oregon Business Development Department to make some programs for child care and to create a work group related to funding child care. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).

Establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund.

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer a child care infrastructure grant program. Directs the department to develop and administer a financial support program for the construction workforce. Requires the department to report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care and workforce development by September 15, 2025.

Directs the department to establish a work group to adopt recommendations for requiring certain businesses to make a financial contribution to the CHIPS Child Care Fund. Requires work group to report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care and workforce development by September 15, 2024.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.
of this section, for the development of new infrastructure in order to operate one of the
entities described in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection.

(3) In awarding grants under this section, the department or third party shall give pri-
ority to entities whose applications entail a proposal to create new child care slots that are
suitable for children who have family, as defined in ORS 329A.500, employed in the con-
struction workforce. In analyzing prioritization under this subsection, the department or
third party shall consider factors including but not limited to:

(a) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will be located in a geographic area
in this state where semiconductor or other advanced manufacturing facilities are presently
located or scheduled to be constructed under sections 1 to 6, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023.
(b) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will provide nonstandard working
hours that accommodate the schedules of the construction workforce.
(c) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will offer culturally and linguistically
specific and appropriate early learning and care.

(4) The department shall establish reasonable application requirements and processes by
rule.

(5) The department may enter into a contract with a third party to administer the grant
program under this section.

SECTION 3. Financial support for construction workforce. (1) The Oregon Business De-
development Department shall enter an interagency agreement with the Bureau of Labor and
Industries to develop and administer a program to provide financial support for child care
services to:

(a) An apprentice who is participating in a course of study in construction under ORS
(b) A journeyworker who has completed an apprenticeship in construction under ORS
660.002 to 660.210 within the last five years.

(2) Financial support under subsection (1) of this section may be provided to the ap-
prentice or journeyworker or to the child care provider that is providing child care services
for the apprentice or journeyworker.

(3)(a) The department shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
(b) The bureau may adopt rules, consistent with any rules adopted by the department,
to carry out this section.

SECTION 4. CHIPS Child Care Fund. (1) The CHIPS Child Care Fund is established in the
State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the CHIPS
Child Care Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Develop-
ment Department to carry out sections 2 and 3 of this 2024 Act, including but not limited to
providing to the Bureau of Labor and Industries to develop and administer the program de-
described in section 3 of this 2024 Act.

(3) The Oregon Business Development Department shall administer the fund in consul-
tation with the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

(4) The fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund, including:
(a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;
(b) Moneys transferred to the fund by the Oregon Business Development Department;
(c) Earnings on moneys in the fund;
(d) Moneys received from the federal or state government; and
(e) Moneys from any other source, including but not limited to grants and gifts.

SECTION 5. Reports. (1) On or before September 15, 2025, the Oregon Business Develop-
ment Department shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the
department’s progress in implementing sections 2 and 3 of this 2024 Act, and may include
recommendations for legislation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
child care and workforce development.

(2) On or before September 15, 2024, the work group established in section 1 of this 2024
Act shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on its recommendations
as required by section 1 of this 2024 Act, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
lated to child care and workforce development.

SECTION 6. Appropriation. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation,
there is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium
ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_______, to be deposited into
the CHIPS Child Care Fund established under section 4 of this 2024 Act.

SECTION 7. Repeal. (1) Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.
(2) Section 5 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 8. Captions disclaimer. The section captions used in this 2024 Act are provided
only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this
state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

SECTION 9. Effective date. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act
takes effect on its passage.