

SB 1099 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Starr

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/18/25
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Anderson, Gorsek, Linthicum, Reynolds
Exc: 1 - Patterson
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires cities and counties to allow preschools and prekindergarten programs on properties where places of worship are permitted.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Child care availability.
- Fiscal impact of measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[Oregon Revised Statutes \(ORS\) 215.441](#) and [ORS 227.500](#) enable counties and cities to regulate a place of worship's use of real property via zoning ordinances. Counties and cities must allow worship services, religion classes, weddings, funerals, meal programs, and child care. Private or religious school education for prekindergarten through grade 12 or higher education do not need to be permitted by a city or county under Oregon statute.

Senate Bill 1099 permits preschools and prekindergarten programs to operate in places of worship while allowing counties and cities to maintain their existing authority to regulate infrastructure and design.