

House Bill 2450

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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 tells the DELC to prepare a child care impact statement in certain situations. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Directs the Department of Early Learning and Care, upon request of one member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party, to prepare a child care impact statement for proposed legislation or a state measure. Requires the Secretary of State to print a child care impact statement for a state measure in the voters' pamphlet.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child care impact statements; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 251.170,
3 251.185 and 329A.020.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) To obtain a child care impact statement described in this section, one**
6 **member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party must sign a written**
7 **request. Upon receipt of the written request, the Department of Early Learning and Care**
8 **shall prepare a child care impact statement that describes the effects of proposed legislation**
9 **on child care.**

10 **(2) A child care impact statement must be impartial, simple and understandable and must**
11 **include:**

12 **(a) An estimate of how the proposed legislation would impact the availability of child care**
13 **in the affected regions of this state; and**

14 **(b) A statement of the methodologies and assumptions used in preparing the estimate.**

15 **(3) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this sec-**
16 **tion.**

17 **SECTION 2. (1) To obtain a child care impact statement described in this section, one**
18 **member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party must sign a written**
19 **request. Upon receipt of the written request, the Department of Early Learning and Care**
20 **shall prepare a child care impact statement that describes the effects of a state measure on**
21 **child care.**

22 **(2) The child care impact statement must be impartial, simple and understandable and**
23 **must include the information described in section 1 (2) of this 2025 Act.**

24 **(3) If the department has prepared a child care impact statement for a state measure,**
25 **not later than the 99th day before a special election held on the date of a primary election**
26 **or any general election at which the state measure is to be submitted to the people, the de-**
27 **partment shall file the statement with the Secretary of State.**

28 **(4) Not later than the 95th day before the election, the Secretary of State shall hold a**

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.

1 **hearing in Salem upon reasonable statewide notice to receive suggestions for changes to the**
 2 **statement or to receive other information. At the hearing, any person may submit suggested**
 3 **changes or other information orally or in writing. Written suggestions and any other infor-**
 4 **mation also may be submitted at any time before the hearing.**

5 **(5) The department shall consider suggestions and any other information submitted un-**
 6 **der subsection (4) of this section and may file a revised statement with the Secretary of**
 7 **State not later than the 90th day before the election at which the measure is to be voted**
 8 **upon.**

9 **(6) The Secretary of State shall certify the statement not later than the 90th day before**
 10 **the election at which the measure is to be voted upon.**

11 **(7) All statements prepared under this section shall be made available to the public.**

12 **(8) A failure to prepare, file or certify a statement does not prevent inclusion of the**
 13 **measure in the voters' pamphlet.**

14 **SECTION 3.** ORS 251.185 is amended to read:

15 251.185. (1) The Secretary of State shall have printed in the voters' pamphlet for a general
 16 election or any special election a copy of the title and text of each state measure to be submitted
 17 to the people at the election for which the pamphlet was prepared. The pamphlet must include the
 18 procedures for filing a complaint under ORS 260.345. Each measure shall be printed in the pamphlet
 19 with:

- 20 (a) The number and ballot title of the measure;
- 21 (b) The financial estimates and any statement prepared for the measure under ORS 250.125;
- 22 (c) The explanatory statement prepared for the measure;
- 23 (d) Arguments relating to the measure and filed with the Secretary of State;
- 24 (e) Any racial and ethnic impact statement prepared for the measure under ORS 137.685;
- 25 **(f) Any child care impact statement prepared for the measure under section 2 of this 2025**

26 **Act; and**

27 **[(f)] (g) Any statement submitted for the measure by a citizen panel under ORS 250.141.**

28 (2) A community college district measure relating to bonding, a county measure or a measure
 29 of a metropolitan service district organized under ORS chapter 268, and the ballot title, explanatory
 30 statement and arguments relating to the measure, filed by the county, metropolitan service district
 31 or community college district under ORS 251.285 shall be included in the voters' pamphlet described
 32 in subsection (1) of this section if required under ORS 251.067.

33 (3) As used in this section, "community college district" has the meaning given that term in ORS
 34 341.005.

35 **SECTION 4.** ORS 251.170, as amended by section 3, chapter 55, Oregon Laws 2024, and section
 36 1, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

37 251.170. (1) The translation of a state voters' pamphlet or county voters' pamphlet required un-
 38 der ORS 251.167 shall be made in the manner described in this section.

39 (2) For each state voters' pamphlet and county voters' pamphlet mailed to residents of a county,
 40 the Secretary of State shall have the following portions of the voters' pamphlet professionally
 41 translated into each language for which a translation is required under ORS 251.167:

- 42 (a) Any official statement or communication made by the Secretary of State, county clerk, filing
 43 office or other public elections official, including any information described in ORS 251.026 or
 44 251.315 (1)(a) to (d) and (g) and any other information regarding services offered by elections offices,
 45 how to cast a ballot and key dates for the election;

1 (b) The ballot title for each measure;

2 (c) The explanatory statement for each measure;

3 (d) The financial estimate for each measure and any statement prepared for a measure under
4 ORS 250.125;

5 (e) Any racial and ethnic impact statement prepared for a measure under ORS 137.685;

6 (f) Any statement submitted for a measure by a citizen panel under ORS 250.141;

7 **(g) Any child care impact statement prepared for the measure under section 2 of this**
8 **2025 Act;** and

9 [(g)] (h) Except an argument for a measure prepared by the Legislative Assembly under ORS
10 251.245, any other statement for a measure created by a public body as defined in ORS 174.109.

11 (3) In addition to the materials that the Secretary of State is required to have professionally
12 translated under subsection (2) of this section, the Secretary of State shall allow to be included in
13 the translated version of each state voters' pamphlet that is made available on the website of the
14 Secretary of State or of a county under ORS 251.167:

15 (a) Translations of a candidate statement submitted under ORS 251.065, provided that:

16 (A) The candidate is a candidate for federal or statewide office;

17 (B) The translation is filed by a candidate or the agent of a candidate described in subparagraph
18 (A) of this paragraph;

19 (C) Neither the translation nor the candidate statement submitted under ORS 251.065 is rejected
20 under ORS 251.055;

21 (D) The candidate statement meets the requirements of a candidate statement set forth in this
22 chapter; and

23 (E) Any translation filed under this paragraph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
24 guages in this state or of any county the office represents, other than English, as listed by the
25 Secretary of State under ORS 251.167.

26 (b) Translations of an argument in support of or in opposition to a state measure filed under
27 ORS 251.255, provided that:

28 (A) The translation is filed by the person who filed the argument in support of or in opposition
29 to a state measure under ORS 251.255;

30 (B) Neither the translation nor the argument in support of or in opposition to a state measure
31 filed under ORS 251.255 is rejected under ORS 251.055;

32 (C) The statement in support of or in opposition to a state measure meets the requirements of
33 a statement in support of or in opposition to a state measure set forth in this chapter; and

34 (D) Any translation filed under this paragraph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
35 guages in this state or of any county in which the measure will be voted on, other than English, as
36 listed by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.167.

37 (c) Translations of any argument for a measure prepared by the Legislative Assembly under ORS
38 251.245 submitted by the Legislative Assembly, provided that any translation filed under this para-
39 graph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken languages in this state or of any county in which
40 the measure will be voted on, other than English, as listed by the Secretary of State under ORS
41 251.167.

42 (4)(a) A translation that is permitted or required under this section is not required to be iden-
43 tical in words to the original version but must be consistent with the meaning of the original ver-
44 sion.

45 (b) A translation is not subject to any limitations on the number of words allowed set forth in

1 this chapter.

2 (5) A county may at its own expense make or accept for publication on the county’s website,
3 as part of a translated voters’ pamphlet required under ORS 251.167, any portion of a state or
4 county voters’ pamphlet that is not described in this section.

5 (6) The Secretary of State:

6 (a) May adopt any rules necessary to implement this section; and

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, is responsible for all costs necessary to
8 comply with this section.

9 (7) As used in this section, “statewide office” means Governor, Secretary of State, State Treas-
10 urer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, or judge on the
11 Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals or the Oregon Tax Court.

12 **SECTION 5.** ORS 329A.020 is amended to read:

13 329A.020. (1) The Department of Early Learning and Care staff shall provide technical assist-
14 ance, linkage of local agencies, data collection and monitoring related to child care.

15 (2) The department shall continually monitor and disseminate information about federal and
16 charitable child care programs for the purposes of ORS 329A.100 to 329A.135.

17 (3) The department shall maintain a website that provides information regarding certified and
18 registered child care facilities and subsidized care facilities, as defined in ORS 329A.250.

19 **(4) The department shall prepare the child care impact statements described in sections**
20 **1 and 2 of this 2025 Act.**

21 [(4)] (5) The Early Learning Council, in consultation with the department, shall adopt rules to
22 implement the provisions of this section.

23 **SECTION 6. Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 251.170 and 251.185**
24 **by sections 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act apply to elections held after the first Tuesday after the**
25 **first Monday in November 2026.**

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