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According to the Oregon Talent Assessment, child care has the largest labor gap of any industry (12.6%), and child care workers are the lowest-paid in Oregon—earning just \$35K per year on average. This is unsustainable. According to MIT's Living Wage Calculator, where I live in Multnomah County, a living wage for an adult with no children is \$26.45 an hour - about \$52,000 a year. So the people we trust to care for our children make barely 2/3 of a living wage in the Portland area. This is simply unconscionable. We must do better for these vital care workers. I strongly support HB 3008 - and honestly, I think we should do more.