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On Behalf Of: Vivian Olum Child Development Center
Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce
Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3011

Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala and Harbick, members of the committee:

Oregon is facing a childcare crisis that will continue to worsen without intervention and investment in skilled workforce development to support families. An investment in quality childcare is an investment in Oregon communities. HB 3011 provides a plan for sustainable, long-term support for quality early childhood education by directing resources strategically to build workforce capacity in an industry that is undervalued and under-resourced throughout the United States. Campus child care centers serve as learning labs for students pursuing ECE degrees, and related degrees such as special education, early intervention, psychology, and human physiology.

Oregon families need support for childcare, and HB 3011 is a step in the right direction to bolster accessibility, affordability, and a sustainable workforce for quality care over time. I urge you to support HB 3011 as an investment in Oregon's families and future.

Thank you,
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