

SB 1535 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to study child care and submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care by September 15, 2027. Sunsets January 2, 2028.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, [House Bill 3073](#) established [DELIC](#) to provide early learning and child care services in Oregon. DELIC funds [Child Care Resource and Referrals](#) (CC&Rs) to recruit and support early learning and care programs regionally and manages the [Employment Related Day Care program](#) (ERDC), assisting qualifying families pay for child care. Although DELIC administers the ERDC program for families and providers, the [Oregon Department of Human Services](#) (ODHS) manages ERDC eligibility through the [ONE system](#). The ERDC program has operated a waitlist for most applicants since 2023 due to increased demand and limited funding.