

## **SB 1535 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/10, 2/12

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) 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 [DELC](#) to provide early learning and child care services in Oregon. DELC 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 DELC 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.