

HB 4057 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to provide information on publicly funded early learning and care programs and resources to all individuals who apply to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidy program. The measure allows the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide this information on behalf of DELIC. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Authorizes DELIC and ODHS to enter into interagency agreements to delegate responsibility for providing standardized information to families seeking early learning and care
- Requires DELIC to provide standardized information to families and individuals who apply or are waitlisted for ERDC prior to referring the family or individual to a generalized resource hotline
- Specifies that standardized information related to publicly funded early learning and care programs includes, but is not limited to, the following: Preschool Promise, Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten, Baby Promise, Healthy Families Oregon, Early Learning Hubs, resource and referral entities, relief nurseries, and Oregon Head Start, Prekindergarten, and Early Head Start

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

House vote: Ayes, 44; Nays, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The [ERDC subsidy program](#) helps qualifying families pay for child care. In November 2023, ERDC opened a waitlist for program applicants due to increased demand and limited funding. Families who apply to and are waitlisted for ERDC may be eligible for other DELIC managed programs, such as [Preschool Promise](#) or [Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten](#). DELIC has published [eligibility requirements for these two programs](#) on the ERDC webpage. Although DELIC administers the program for families and providers, ODHS manages ERDC eligibility through the [ONE system](#).