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Please Support HB 4057 -2

Oregon's child care system offers critical resources for countless Oregonians, but it is unevenly burdened. Thousands of families remain on the ever-growing ERDC waitlist; at the same time, child care and preschool slots available through other programs sit unfilled, stuck within information gaps and inconsistent referral processes.

HB 4057 -2 is an important step towards bridging these barriers that keep families from the child care resources they need. The bill standardizes referral information for families navigating the complex child care system. It ensures that families seeking care are intentionally informed of the full scope of existing publicly-funded program options (Preschool Promise, Head Start, relief nurseries, etc.) before being referred to 211.

This bill is a product of the HECHS committee's Early Childhood workgroup, targeted to address fragmentation between the tools designed to shepherd families through the complex child care systems. HB 4057 -2 is modest in scope but steadfast in its intent: dismantling barriers for families and providers alike, ensuring that our children can receive the care they deserve.

Please join me in supporting the groundwork necessary to ensure child care access for all.