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To: The Honorable Representative Tomei  
The Honorable Representative Gilliam  
Co-Chairs, House Human Services Committee

From: Deborah Murray, Vice-Chair  
Oregon Commission for Child Care

Subject: HB 4165

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Co-Chairs, Representative Tomei, Representative Gilliam, and members of the committee, on behalf of the Oregon Commission for Child Care, I would like to express to you our support for HB 4165.

The Commission for Child Care is a body of 18 volunteers appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate and is an advisory body on the issues, problems, and solutions related to affordable, quality child care in Oregon.

The Commission for Child Care fully supports Governor Kitzhaber's initiative and vision for early childhood represented in HB 4165. To continue the promotion of high quality care, the Commission for Child Care has provided recommendations to the Early Learning Council to preserve and utilize the basic functions the Commission has served since its inception in 1985 – the functions that promote quality, affordable, accessible and safe child care. One of these recommendations included providing leadership for one of our top priorities, the Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS). The TQRIS, included in HB 4165, will serve as a framework for quality improvement efforts and provide a mechanism for facilities to document their quality level and consumers help when making child care choices.

We feel the Commission for Child Care has consistently served to innovate and advance the provision of high quality care for Oregon's children and we look forward to continued advancement of child care via the proposed structures, system and components of Oregon's integrated early learning system proposed in HB 4165.