

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Tax Credits (will request removal of subsequent referral)****Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/19, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Codifies Early Learning Council's responsibility to develop funding for Early Learning Hubs as specified. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History, function, and success of Early Learning Hubs
- Continuing early education transformation
- Customized coordination and cooperation at local levels
- Family engagement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:[-1 *amendment*] Sunsets in four years.[-2 *amendment*] Requires specified evaluation and report with recommendations to Legislature by February 1, 2016.

BACKGROUND: In 2013, the Legislature passed House Bill 2013, authorizing the creation of sixteen regional, community-based Early Learning Hubs directed to create an early childhood system that is aligned, coordinated, and family-centered; to ensure that children arrive at school ready to succeed; and to ensure that Oregon's children live in families that are healthy, stable, and attached. The first six Hubs were designated in November of 2013; another eight are expected to finalize contractual arrangements by June of 2015; and two more expected to be ready by June 2015.

Senate Bill 213 codifies the Early Learning Council's responsibility to develop funding to continue Early Learning Hubs.