

HB 2349 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Early Learning Division (ELD) to establish a statewide child care provider business training program. Specifies program requirements including training, provision of technical assistance, guidance in providing culturally appropriate care, and outreach support. Directs ELD to provide technical assistance to child care providers with state and federal regulations. Appropriates unspecified amount of General Fund to ELD for a grant program to assist child care providers in providing quality services. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Early Learning Division, part of the Department of Education, administers programs such as Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK), Early Head Start, Great Start, Healthy Start, Relief Nurseries, and the new “mixed” delivery preschool program. ELD is also responsible for child care provider licensing, subsidies, monitoring, and training.

House Bill 2349 establishes a statewide child care provider training program to be implemented by ELD.