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To: [Rep. Helt](#)

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I would support a tax credit for childcare expenses for degree seeking students. I am seeking a 2nd degree in Nursing and childcare is one of my biggest obstacles and expenses. Not only is there a massive shortage of childcare in Oregon, it is expensive. For students like myself who only need care 2-3 days a week it is hard to find spots. My childcare is \$35 a day. This adds up quickly. So quickly that I have had to juggle my class schedule this year to only take classes 2 days a week do to the expense of childcare. Those make for some long school days. I could definitely see the cost of childcare preventing some parents from attending school. Not to mention, we were quite surprised to find that we owed Oregon additional taxes for 2018. Please consider the tax break for degree seeking students with childcare expenses!

Thank you,
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