

Dear Committee Members,

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you regarding the funding recommendations being considered tonight, Thursday, April 11th by the Joint Committee on Student Success as it pertains to early childhood initiatives for Oregon (House Bill 2019).

The committee's recommendation for roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood is historic and worthy of your support. Oregon's youngest and most vulnerable citizens, our infant and toddlers, are desperately in need of high quality and comprehensive early childhood programming that is accessible to ALL. Oregonians cannot wait - the time is now for us to invest big in the collected solutions that work: high quality child care, evidence-based early learning, and culturally responsive programming that promotes partnership with families. Support the future of our state by supporting Oregon children!

Sincerely,  
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