

## HB 2262 A -A4, -A5, -A6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies purpose and responsibilities of the Early Learning Council (ELC), as specified. Expands ELC purpose to include ensuring that families are healthy, stable, and attached. Requires the Governor to ensure that at least one ELC member represents Oregon tribes. Makes ex-officio members who represent state agencies nonvoting members. Changes purpose of Youth Development Council to coordinating a unified and aligned system for youth services.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of Early Learning Council
- Role of Youth Development Council
- Membership of ELC
- Expansion of ELC goals to include healthy families
- Making ELC and YDC consistent with other state boards and councils
- Importance of school readiness
- The effect of establishing the ELC and YDC prior to the creation of the Early Learning Division and Youth Development Division
- The effect of reducing ELC membership
- Importance of workforce representation on the ELC
- Representation of licensed workers on other state boards and councils
- Effect of input from licensed providers
- -3 amendments

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Requires the Governor to ensure that at least one ELC member represents the workforces for child care and early learning.

-A5 Makes ELC changes operative on September 1, 2019. Modifies requirements for YDC's intergovernmental agreements. Permits YDC to enter into grant agreements and contracts with specified entities to provide youth development programs, services, and initiatives. Authorizes YDC to identify entities by rule. Adds administering, studying, and reporting on a statewide longitudinal data system to the statutory responsibilities of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Requires HECC to enter into interagency agreements with ODE, Employment Department, and other state agencies for conducting longitudinal studies and reporting of early learning, K-12 education, higher education, and workforce programs. Makes HECC an authorized representative of state educational agencies for purposes of accessing, compiling, and storing student data for research, audit, and evaluation purposes. Adds emergency clause to make the act effective on July 1, 2019.

-A6 Combines A4 and A5 amendments.

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**BACKGROUND:**

In 2011, the legislature passed Senate Bill 909, which established the ELC, and charged it with developing recommendations to merge, redesign, or improve the coordination of early childhood services. In 2012, the legislature passed House Bill 4165, which further aligned early learning services and programs. Originally, the ELC had nine members, but expanded up to 20 members to meet requirements of the federal Head Start Act. House Bill 2262 A directs ELC to coordinate and align the system of early learning services, eliminates ELC's implementation and oversight duties, adds ensuring that families are healthy, stable and attached to ELC's goals, reduces ELC to nine voting members, requires one voting member be an Oregon tribal representative, makes state agency officials nonvoting members, and directs ELC to designate a committee, separate from the ELC, to serve as a state advisory council for the federal Head Start Act. The bill also changes the purpose of the Youth Development Council from an oversight to a coordinating body.