

HB 2262 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Wagner**Senate Committee On Education****Action Date:** 05/15/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Tamara Dykeman, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/22, 5/15**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies purpose of the Early Learning Council (ELC) from overseeing to coordinating a system of early learning services. Expands ELC purpose to include ensuring that families are healthy, stable, and attached. Requires Governor to ensure that at least one ELC member represents Oregon tribes and at least one member represents the child care and early learning workforce. Directs ELC to designate a committee to serve as the state advisory council for the federal Head Start Act. Removes requirement that the ELC serve as the advisory council. Makes ex-officio members who represent state agencies nonvoting members. Makes ELC changes operative on September 1, 2019. Modifies purpose of Youth Development Council (YDC) from overseeing to coordinating a system for youth services. 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. Provides authority to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to administer, study, and report on a statewide longitudinal data system. Requires HECC to enter into interagency agreements with ODE, Employment Department, and any other state agencies necessary for conducting longitudinal studies and reporting on 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. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ELC's purpose and membership
- YDC's purpose and functions
- 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
- Amendments to measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Ensures that at least one ELC member represents the child care and early learning workforce. Makes changes to ELC's purpose and responsibilities 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. Provides authority to HECC to administer, study, and report on a statewide longitudinal data system. Requires

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BACKGROUND:

In Senate Bill 909 (2011), the legislature established the Early Learning Council (ELC) and charged it with developing recommendations to merge, redesign, or improve the coordination of early childhood services. Originally, the ELC had nine members, but expanded to 20 members to meet requirements of the federal Head Start Act. In House Bill 4165 (2012), the legislature further aligned early learning services and programs and created the Youth Development Council (YDC). The YDC oversees a unified system of youth services that supports educational success, focuses on crime prevention, and reduces high-risk behaviors. The council also provides direction to the Youth Development Division.

The Chief Education Office is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2019. The office currently administers the statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS) and will need to transfer its SLDS duties to another state agency prior to this date.

House Bill 2262 B modifies ELC's purpose and membership and YDC's purpose and contracting authority. It also provides HECC with the statutory authority to administer, study, and report on a statewide longitudinal data system.