

# HB 3073: Early Care and Education Governance & ERDC

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# GOVERNOR'S VISION

**A consolidated child care sector and unified publicly-funded early care and education.**

- A strong, centralized early learning system for Oregon's children and families that
  - Supports Family Friend and Neighbor, Regulated Subsidy, Registered Family, Certified Family, Certified Center, Out of School Time, and publicly-funded preschool programs under one agency;
  - Is poised to support growing funding and expansion opportunities from both the state and federal levels.
- Clarified and aligned authority, accountability, and responsibility of the Early Learning Council, Early Learning System Director, and Early Learning and Care Department.
- Coordination and alignment of early learning programs across agencies and governing bodies.



# HB 3073 PURPOSE

Create the necessary structure and leadership systems to:

- Ensure that every child in this state is given the best opportunity to succeed in school, work and life by providing high-quality early childhood education programs for children from birth through five years of age and child care for children from birth through 12 years of age; and
- Administer laws and perform functions related to early childhood to ensure that children enter school ready to learn and families are healthy, stable and attached.

# EARLY LEARNING DIVISION HISTORY



Legislature in ORS 326.111. ODE is administered by a Superintendent of Public Instruction, which is the Governor; however, the Superintendent, by statute, appoints a deputy as a delegate to administer the Department.



In 2013, HB 3234 established the Early Learning Division (ELD) in ODE.



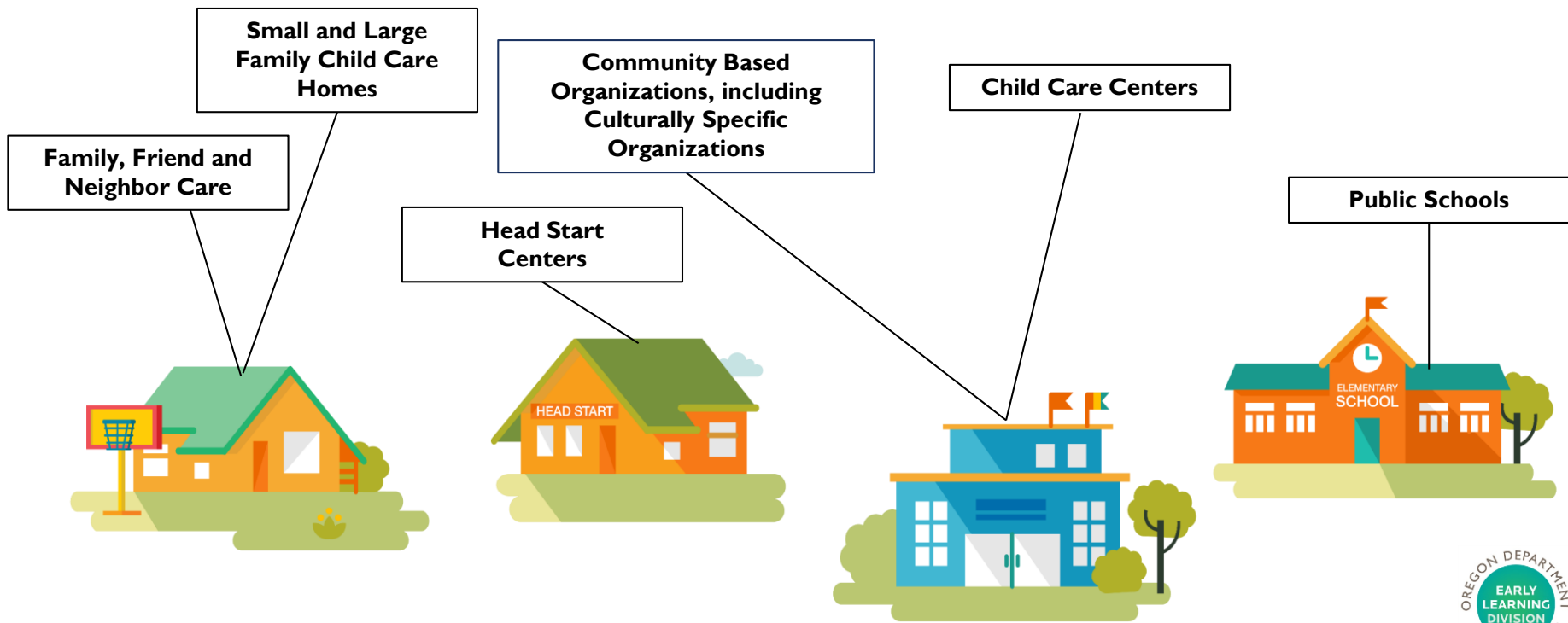
The Governor appoints both the Early Learning System Director and ODE Director to lead their respective sectors within the agency framework of ODE.

# WHAT DOES HB 3073 DO?

- Establishes the Department of Early Learning and Care
- Details Duties, Function & Powers of the Department of Early Learning and Care
  - Codifies the authority of a standalone agency
  - Moves existing Early Learning Division programs into the new Department of Early Learning and Care
- Outlines additional Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) eligibility criteria and implementation dates
- Moves ERDC from Oregon Department of Human Services to the new Department of Early Learning and Care
  - Full implementation by June 30, 2023
- Requires legislative progress reports
  - September 2021 (ELD)
  - December 2021 (ODHS)
  - September 2022 (ELD)
- Aligns Early Learning System Goals (HB 2262; 2019)
- Updates State Interagency Coordinating Council membership
  - Strengthens coordination between K-12 and early learning systems



# VISION: Unified Early Education and Child Care System Delivered in Diverse Settings



# WHAT IS ERDC?

- Provides access to stable child care where children can learn and grow
- Supports school readiness and school success
- Helps families confidently re-enter the workforce
- May be the last program benefit families receive as they become self-sufficient

# FUTURE

- Utilize recommendations from the Joint Task Force on Access to Quality Affordable Child Care to continue program improvement
- Further alignment between the Early Learning Division/Department of Early Learning and Care and ODHS
- Building on the strength of both systems
- Lowering costs for families
- Align ODHS provider payment practices with provider billing practices
- Streamlining connections to other benefits for families



# HOW DOES HB 3073 CHANGE THE ERDC PROGRAM?

Apart from moving the Employment Related Day Care program to the Department of Early Learning and Care, HB 3073 would make the following changes to the ERDC program:

By October 1, 2021

- Caps family co-pays at 7% of the household income
- Requires provider payment based on enrollment, not attendance.

By June 30, 2023 based on the recommendations of the December report.

- Expands basic eligibility requirements and 12 month program eligibility
- Uses the true cost of care rate methodology for provider reimbursement rate setting
- Allows for a variety of financial incentives for special services



# SUPPORTING THE PROCESS: **OVERARCHING TIMELINES**

- September 15, 2021 Legislative Report submitted by ELD in collaboration with ODHS and ODE
  - Transfer of background checks inspections for ERDC to ELD
  - Progress on transfer of child care assistance programs, including ERDC to ELD
  - Recommendations to strengthen alignment of EI/ECSE services
  - Progress on the adoption of rules related to school-age child care
  - Fiscal Impacts of Plan
  - Budgetary impacts or recommendations for legislation
- December 31, 2021 Legislative Report submitted by ODHS in collaboration with ELD
  - Timelines and fiscal impact of the eligibility requirements in ERDC
- September 30, 2022 Legislative Report submitted by ELD in collaboration with ODHS and ODE
  - Updates on implementation of the plan and progress





Questions?

