

HB 3334 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

Action Date: 04/05/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Lively, Neron, Power, Reynolds, Schouten, Weber, Wright, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/31, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Early Learning Division to develop plan to provide eligible children with equitable access to high quality, culturally and developmentally responsive preschool. Establishes plan and stakeholder engagement requirements. Requires that plan provide that all eligible children have access to preschool by January 1, 2027. Requires Division to report on plan by September 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for coordination
- Preschool programs in other states
- Multnomah County preschool for all
- Federal funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Early Learning Division of the Oregon Department of Education was established by passage of House Bill 3234 in 2013. That measure transferred certain duties previously assigned to the Early Learning Council to the Division. Since that time, the Division has served to govern and manage most of the state's early child care and education programs and services. In 2020, Multnomah County passed a local measure establishing its Preschool for All program, and in early 2021 Congress passed measures allocating funding to the states for early learning.

House Bill 3334 A requires the Division to develop a coordination plan for provision of preschool to all eligible children in Oregon.