

# House Bill 2054

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies recipients of, and uses for, grants provided under Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program. Clarifies administrators of program and related account.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program;  
3 amending ORS 336.101 and 336.104.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.101 is amended to read:

6 336.101. (1) The Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program is  
7 established for the purpose of improving the readiness of children for kindergarten. The program  
8 shall be administered by the Early Learning [*Council*] **Division** as provided by this section.

9 [*(2) The Early Learning Council shall provide grants under this section based on criteria estab-*  
10 *lished by the council by rule. Criteria may include requirements that an applicant must meet one or*  
11 *more of the following criteria:]*

12 [*(a) Form a partnership with at least one provider of early learning services, child care provider*  
13 *or elementary school;]*

14 [*(b) Form partnerships with community-based providers of early childhood services to provide*  
15 *preschool and other early-learning strategies;]*

16 [*(c) Establish ambitious but meaningful targets for kindergarten readiness;]*

17 [*(d) Invest resources in students who meet criteria established by the council by rule;]*

18 [*(e) Align with, and supplement, federal programs to provide moneys for educational purposes;*  
19 *and]*

20 [*(f) Agree to report to, and partner with, any Early Learning Hubs serving the region.]*

21 [*(3) Priority for grants provided under this section may be for programs that:]*

22 [*(a) Assist children in becoming ready for kindergarten or being successful in kindergarten; or]*

23 [*(b) Share professional development strategies and resources with providers of early learning ser-*  
24 *vices, child care providers and kindergarten teachers.]*

25 **(2) Under the program, the Early Learning Division shall provide grants to Early Learn-**  
26 **ing Hubs based on criteria established by the Early Learning Council by rule. Grants may**  
27 **be used for:**

28 **(a) Supporting children to successfully transition into kindergarten;**

29 **(b) Engaging families of children who are zero through five years of age in being partners**  
30 **in the learning and development of their children; or**

31 **(c) Investing in resources for priority populations and priority geographic areas, as**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **identified in plans developed by Early Learning Hubs to address early care and education.**

2 **SECTION 2.** ORS 336.104 is amended to read:

3 336.104. (1) The Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Account is  
4 established within the Early Learning Division Fund. Separate records shall be maintained for  
5 moneys in the account. Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the account.

6 (2) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the [*Early Learning Council*] **De-**  
7 **partment of Education for the Early Learning Division to use** for the Early Learning  
8 Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program described in ORS 336.101.

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