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**Title:** [SB 93](#), OTIS: Shifting the Child-Caring Agencies Fund to a Child-Caring Agencies Account

**Concept:**

- Amend ORS 418.263 to shift the Child-Caring Agencies Fund to a Child-Caring Agencies Account.
- Amend ORS 418.998 to direct funds received to the Child-Caring Agencies Account rather than the Fund.

**Need for policy change:**

The Children's Care Licensing Program (CCLP) within the Office of Training Investigations and Safety (OTIS) of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) may assess civil penalties on Child-Caring Agencies (CCAs) who fail to meet the established licensing and quality standards. CCLP works alongside CCAs to educate them and help them achieve compliance, however in some situations civil penalties are the most appropriate compliance tool.

The Child-Caring Agencies Fund was established as a separate and distinct fund and receives the funds that result from these civil penalties. The funds are then used for the administration and enforcement of CCLPs' licensing, compliance and monitoring responsibilities. This separate fund generates monthly banking fees.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 93](#) seeks to remove the requirement for these funds to be held separately, avoiding monthly bank fees. The goal is to enable more of the funds to be used to keep children and youth safe.

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