

I oppose HB 2670 not because more Department of Education and DHS-HHS childcare funds are needed, but in the way that Oregon legislature has not modernized the division of tax dollars across all 36 counties in an equitable way. Instead population has ruled to divide public funding both in Oregon and Nationally.

Is Department of Education not recognizing the Lincoln School of Early Learning for PK-1 as an educational facility because of the mixed use of public education and a childcare facility? I live in a small school district and when class sizes were small the school combined grades, but also followed the teacher to student ratio, and at least 1 or more classroom support personnel. Our district started PK program before Early Learning within districts had taken off and the district paid the expenses. OPK

<https://oregonearlylearning.com/head-start-opk#1504651940918-cb2c4871-7e93>GRANTEES Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Grant Manual and Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Sample Grant Agreement.

Small districts should be afforded a grant funding advocate where otherwise the district doesn't have knowledgeable staff or can afford a contract grant writer.