

HB 2229 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Early Learning and Care to study the adequacy of early childhood education in Oregon and to submit report to interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's early learning system is managed by the Early Learning Division (ELD) of the Oregon Department of Education. In 2021, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3073, which transfers ELD and its administrative responsibilities into a new independent state agency called the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC). House Bill 4005 (2022) set the operational date of the new agency as July 1, 2023.

House Bill 2229 directs DELIC to study the adequacy of early childhood education in Oregon and to submit report to interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024.