

# YES on HB 2717 A

Currently, there are only enough available preschool seats for 20% of Oregon's young children. Allowing licensure for outdoor preschool programs will incentivize growth of existing programs and the creation of new programs, which will help us address this shortage. And while there are outdoor preschool programs in Oregon, they are only allowed to operate for half days because they are unlicensed.

HB 2717A creates a path to licensure for outdoor preschool programs, allowing them to operate for full days, and open up access to federal, state, and local funding streams.

## HB 2717A is about making sure that Outdoor Preschools are

- **Accessible** - the bill opens up the path to licensure for outdoor preschools to operate for full days and serve more children.
- **Affordable** - Licensure will allow outdoor preschools to serve students who depend on programs like Preschool Promise which provides resources for families to cover childcare costs.

## Organizations in Support of HB 2717A



### Outdoor Early Learning Alliance of Oregon



Oregon Natural Resources Education Program



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