

## HB 2683 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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**Action Date:** 04/20/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Breese-Iverson, Fahey, Kropf, Nosse, Scharf, Valderrama, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/18, 4/20

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Early Learning Council to adopt rules establishing independent bases of eligibility for Employment Related Day Care based on family's household income; family's employment status; child or family's involvement with child welfare and related services; child or family's usage of homelessness, teen parent, or domestic violence services; and any other additional criteria established by the council. Directs Early Learning Council to adopt rules providing eligibility criteria for children and families receiving child welfare and related services by July 1, 2025, and those receiving homelessness, teen parent, or domestic violence services by July 1, 2027.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Transfer of administrative responsibility for Employment Related Day Care from Department of Human Services to Department of Early Learning and Care
- Subsidies allocated to foster care families for costs of infant and child care
- Estimated fiscal impact of measure
- Allowable uses of federal Child Care and Development Fund moneys
- Benefits of affordable child care

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program provides subsidized access to child care for families with working parents. Although the program is currently operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS), it will be turned over to the newly created Department of Early Learning and Care on July 1, 2023. Oregon law requires eligibility for ERDC to be considered based on family income and allows consideration of additional factors, such as whether parents are enrolled in school or the presence of a mental or medical health condition. The main source of funding for ERDC is the federally administered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) block grant, which is governed by federal regulations and a [state plan](#). Federal regulations allow states to use CCDF funds to provide subsidized access to child care for vulnerable children such as those in foster care and other protective services, regardless of income or whether the family is engaged in work, education, or training. According to Oregon's state plan, the state does not waive the income eligibility threshold in these cases.

House Bill 2683 A directs the Early Learning Council to expand access to ERDC to families by establishing eligibility criteria that separately assess household income; employment status; involvement with child welfare and related services; usage of homelessness, teen parent, or domestic violence services; and any other additional criteria established by the council, and establishes timelines for adopting rules for implementation.