

A-Engrossed House Bill 2727

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Land and Conservation and Development to convene work group to examine strategies for expanding early learning and care facilities in this state.

Sunsets work group on January 2, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to work group to examine expansion of child care facilities; and prescribing an effective
3 date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall convene a**
6 **work group to examine strategies for expanding early learning and care facilities in this**
7 **state.**

8 **(2) The work group shall consist of members selected by the Department of Land Con-**
9 **servation and Development, in consultation with the Department of Early Learning and Care.**

10 **(3) When making selections for the work group under subsection (2) of this section, the**
11 **Department of Land Conservation and Development shall, to the extent practicable, select**
12 **the following as members:**

13 **(a) Representatives from five cities and counties, one of which is a city or county that**
14 **finances and operates a regional early learning and care program, who have collective**
15 **knowledge, experience and expertise in zoning regulations, applicable state and local building**
16 **codes and building permitting requirements and processes.**

17 **(b) Five members who are providers of early learning and care services with collective**
18 **recent experience in zoning regulations, building codes and permitting processes with respect**
19 **to expansion of early learning and care facilities, and who reflect the diversity of provider**
20 **types in Oregon.**

21 **(c) Representatives from two advocacy or policy-making organizations that have experi-**
22 **ence working with early learning and care providers.**

23 **(d) Representatives from the Department of Land Conservation and Development with**
24 **expertise in land use regulations.**

25 **(e) Representatives from the Department of Consumer and Business Services with ex-**
26 **pertise in state and local building codes.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (f) Representatives from the Department of Early Learning and Care with expertise in
2 licensing requirements for providers of early learning services and care.

3 (4) The department may select up to five additional members provided that such mem-
4 bers have experience:

5 (a) Working with providers of early learning services and care to expand early learning
6 and care facilities; or

7 (b) With zoning regulations, applicable state and local building codes and permitting re-
8 quirements and processes with respect to affordable housing expansion.

9 (5) Members of the work group must be individuals who reflect the geographic, racial,
10 ethnic and gender diversity of this state.

11 (6) The work group shall review information and research from within Oregon and na-
12 tionally concerning the impact of zoning regulations, state and local building codes and per-
13 mitting practices on inhibiting or supporting expansion of early learning and care facilities.
14 At a minimum, the review must identify and analyze:

15 (a) Specific barriers and challenges to siting, building or renovating early learning and
16 care facilities, including barriers and challenges for colocating early learning and care facil-
17 ities with affordable housing and other entities;

18 (b) Potential and actual disparate impacts that zoning regulations, building codes and
19 permitting practices have on providers based upon diversity factors, including but not limited
20 to race, ethnicity, language, provider type and geographic location; and

21 (c) Promising local, state and national standards for promoting the expansion of early
22 learning and care facilities.

23 (7) The work group shall prepare a report that summarizes the findings of the review
24 required under subsection (6) of this section. The report must include recommendations to:

25 (a) Reduce barriers to expanding early learning and care facilities.

26 (b) Support the expansion of early learning and care facilities in this state, including
27 recommendations developed specifically for:

28 (A) Expansion in the five cities or counties from which work group members are selected
29 under subsection (3)(a) of this section;

30 (B) Statewide expansion in cities and counties throughout this state;

31 (C) The Legislative Assembly to consider legislative changes the work group deems nec-
32 essary or advisable in support of expansion efforts; and

33 (D) The Office of the Governor and relevant state agencies for possible administrative
34 improvements.

35 (c) Reduce disproportionate racial and regional disparities in access to early learning and
36 care facilities.

37 (8) Not later than December 31, 2024, the work group shall submit the report required
38 by this section, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the
39 Legislative Assembly related to early child care. The work group may include in the report
40 submitted under this subsection recommendations for legislation.

41 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
42 ated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium beginning
43 July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be expended for
44 the purpose of implementing section 1 of this 2023 Act.

45 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

1 **SECTION 4.** This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
2 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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