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To: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
From: Parasa Chanramy, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators
Subject: Letter of Support for [HB 3005](#) with Amendments

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COASA), we write this letter to offer our support for [House Bill 3005](#) with amendments.

Our organization represents over 2,800 administrators across Oregon who serve in principalships, central office administration, and the superintendency.

During the fall of 2022, our team traveled and met with our members from around the state. One of the many issues that our members raised with us was the need for affordable and accessible early childhood education and care in their respective communities, in order to help attract and retain educators and staff.

Key to these efforts are ensuring that our communities have funding to support early childhood education and care facilities, and infrastructure.

HB 3005 will provide an important jumpstart in creating an Early Childhood Infrastructure Fund that is designed to help more early childhood education and care providers access funding and technical assistance for purchasing, developing, and updating facilities.

Before advancing the bill, we strongly urge you to include Education Service Districts (ESDs), and Early Intervention, and Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) programs in the bill. Our ESDs and EI/ECSE programs are crucial in helping provide a seamless system to support the developmental and educational needs of children ages birth to five.

Thank you again for your leadership and service in support of Oregon's children. We urge you to support this HB 3005 with an amendment that includes ESDs and EI/ECSE programs.