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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: SB427

I strongly oppose SB 427

Working as an early childhood educator for more than two decades in both a non-profit preschool and a corporate daycare, I find SB 427 offensive and autocratic. This is another bureaucracy designed to spend money it doesn't have on programs it doesn't need. It is an enormous welfare program. Layoffs are happening, inflation is high and growing daily, banks are failing, and instead of curtailing spending we are given a bill that will cause more economic depression in Oregon.

Programs based on "equity" are racist in nature. Equity programs do not promote quality; instead they degrade education by limiting each child's ability to excel. After birth, none of us learn to walk on the same day, talk on the same day, or learn to read, understand math, etc. at the same rate.

Full-day preschool programs are not conducive to children's well-being. Children do not receive enough individual attention due to the high children:adult ratios, they tire and need adequate rest periods, they have no personal space and miss their parents as was expressed to me on too many occasions to count. I am just one person, imagine all the other caretakers who have the same experience.

Section 8 of SB 427 declares 2023 Act an existing emergency and will take effect July 1, 2023. Emergencies are not predetermined. This 2023 Act is government overreach which denies us our God-given individual rights, liberty, and freedom.

Vote NO on SB 427.