

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4098 Relating to child care

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

House Bill 4098 establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund for grant and loan programs related to child care in areas with semiconductor or advanced manufacturing facilities.

Businesses receiving grants or loans are mandated to contribute financially, with specifics determined by the CHIPS Child Care Work Group established by the measure. This group must submit a report by November 15, 2024, detailing recommendations for contributions. Additionally, the bill facilitates collaboration between Oregon Business Development Department and the Bureau of Labor and Industries to provide financial support and child care subsidies to apprentices and journey workers in the construction industry.

The -A3 amendment appropriates \$2,500,000 General Fund to Oregon Business Development Department for the CHIPS Child Care Fund. The amendment also increases Other Funds expenditure limitation in the Oregon Business Development Department, Bureau of Labor and Industries, and Department of Early Learning and Care budgets totaling \$3,547,907 and five limited duration positions for CHIPS Child Care Fund administration and distribution expenses.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 4098 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.