

# House Bill 4098

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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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates the CHIPS Child Care Fund. The Act tells the Oregon Business Development Department to make some programs for child care and to create a work group related to funding child care. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).

Establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund.

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer a child care infrastructure grant program. Directs the department to develop and administer a financial support program for the construction workforce. Requires the department to report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care and workforce development by September 15, 2025.

Directs the department to establish a work group to adopt recommendations for requiring certain businesses to make a financial contribution to the CHIPS Child Care Fund. Requires work group to report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care and workforce development by September 15, 2024.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to child care; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. CHIPS Child Care Work Group. (1) The Oregon Business Development De-**  
5 **partment shall establish the CHIPS Child Care Work Group to develop recommendations:**

6 (a) **To require financial contributions to the CHIPS Child Care Fund by businesses that**  
7 **receive a program grant or loan under section 3, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023, and federal**  
8 **semiconductor financial assistance, as defined in section 1, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023.**

9 (b) **To determine the monetary amount of financial contributions and the mechanism by**  
10 **which those contributions are made under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

11 (2) **The work group must include, at a minimum, representation of relevant state agen-**  
12 **cies, businesses described in subsection (1) of this section and child care advocates.**

13 **SECTION 2. Child care infrastructure grant program. (1) The Oregon Business Develop-**  
14 **ment Department shall develop and administer a child care infrastructure grant program for**  
15 **the purpose of building new child care infrastructure in this state.**

16 (2) **The following entities may receive a grant under subsection (1) of this section:**

17 (a) **A family child care provider that is certified under ORS 329A.280 or registered under**  
18 **ORS 329A.330.**

19 (b) **A child care facility as defined in ORS 329A.250.**

20 (c) **A child care center that is certified under ORS 329A.280.**

21 (d) **An entity that submits a satisfactory proposal, as determined by the department or**  
22 **a third party that has entered into a contract with the department as provided in subsection**

**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 (5) of this section, for the development of new infrastructure in order to operate one of the  
 2 entities described in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection.

3 (3) In awarding grants under this section, the department or third party shall give pri-  
 4 ority to entities whose applications entail a proposal to create new child care slots that are  
 5 suitable for children who have family, as defined in ORS 329A.500, employed in the con-  
 6 struction workforce. In analyzing prioritization under this subsection, the department or  
 7 third party shall consider factors including but not limited to:

8 (a) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will be located in a geographic area  
 9 in this state where semiconductor or other advanced manufacturing facilities are presently  
 10 located or scheduled to be constructed under sections 1 to 6, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023.

11 (b) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will provide nonstandard working  
 12 hours that accommodate the schedules of the construction workforce.

13 (c) Whether the proposed child care infrastructure will offer culturally and linguistically  
 14 specific and appropriate early learning and care.

15 (4) The department shall establish reasonable application requirements and processes by  
 16 rule.

17 (5) The department may enter into a contract with a third party to administer the grant  
 18 program under this section.

19 **SECTION 3. Financial support for construction workforce.** (1) The Oregon Business De-  
 20 velopment Department shall enter an interagency agreement with the Bureau of Labor and  
 21 Industries to develop and administer a program to provide financial support for child care  
 22 services to:

23 (a) An apprentice who is participating in a course of study in construction under ORS  
 24 660.002 to 660.210.

25 (b) A journeyworker who has completed an apprenticeship in construction under ORS  
 26 660.002 to 660.210 within the last five years.

27 (2) Financial support under subsection (1) of this section may be provided to the ap-  
 28 prentice or journeyworker or to the child care provider that is providing child care services  
 29 for the apprentice or journeyworker.

30 (3)(a) The department shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

31 (b) The bureau may adopt rules, consistent with any rules adopted by the department,  
 32 to carry out this section.

33 **SECTION 4. CHIPS Child Care Fund.** (1) The CHIPS Child Care Fund is established in the  
 34 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the CHIPS  
 35 Child Care Fund shall be credited to the fund.

36 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Develop-  
 37 ment Department to carry out sections 2 and 3 of this 2024 Act, including but not limited to  
 38 providing to the Bureau of Labor and Industries to develop and administer the program de-  
 39 scribed in section 3 of this 2024 Act.

40 (3) The Oregon Business Development Department shall administer the fund in consul-  
 41 tation with the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

42 (4) The fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund, including:

43 (a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;

44 (b) Moneys transferred to the fund by the Oregon Business Development Department;

45 (c) Earnings on moneys in the fund;

1 (d) Moneys received from the federal or state government; and

2 (e) Moneys from any other source, including but not limited to grants and gifts.

3 **SECTION 5. Reports.** (1) On or before September 15, 2025, the Oregon Business Develop-  
4 ment Department shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the  
5 department’s progress in implementing sections 2 and 3 of this 2024 Act, and may include  
6 recommendations for legislation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to  
7 child care and workforce development.

8 (2) On or before September 15, 2024, the work group established in section 1 of this 2024  
9 Act shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on its recommendations  
10 as required by section 1 of this 2024 Act, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly re-  
11 lated to child care and workforce development.

12 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation,  
13 there is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium  
14 ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, to be deposited into  
15 the CHIPS Child Care Fund established under section 4 of this 2024 Act.

16 **SECTION 7. Repeal.** (1) Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

17 (2) Section 5 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

18 **SECTION 8. Captions disclaimer.** The section captions used in this 2024 Act are provided  
19 only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this  
20 state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

21 **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation  
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act  
23 takes effect on its passage.

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