

HB 3496 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to establish recommendations for local governments on siting, and incentivizing the development of child care facilities by December 31, 2026.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Detailed Summary:

- Directs DLCD to develop guidance for local governments by December 31, 2026, on:
 - Siting for child care facilities,
 - Model land use regulations for development of child care facilities,
 - Best practices to streamline the permitting process for child care facilities, and,
 - Policies that local governments may adopt to incentivize development of child care facilities.
- Requires DLCD to publish a copy of the guidance on the department's website, and delivery the guidance and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Assembly.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the Legislative Assembly passed [House Bill 2727](#) which directed the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), in consultation with the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), to convene a work group to examine strategies to expand early learning and care facilities. House Bill 2727 required the work group to review information and research on the impact of zoning regulations, building codes, and permitting practices on expanding early learning and care facilities.

In December 2024, DLCD released a [final report](#) as directed in House Bill 2727. The report included the work group's findings on barriers to developing child care facilities and recommendations to reduce those barriers.