HB 2814 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) to waive certification requirements for child care facilities if DELC determines that conditions or safeguards exist to protect the welfare of children and the consumer interests of children and parents.

Detailed Summary:

- Allows DELC to waive certification requirements for child care facilities upon good cause, and if DELC is satisfied that sufficient conditions or safeguards exist that protect the welfare of the children and the consumer interests of children and parents.
- Removes the current limit of children by age group that may be cared for by facilities whose license allows them to care for a maximum of 10 children.
- Directs the Early Learning Council to adopt rules specifying the number of children per age group allowed to receive care at registered child care facilities.
- Permits the Early Learning Council to limit the maximum number of children that may receive care at registered child care facilities to fewer than 10 based on the children's ages.
- Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 329A.450 establish requirements for child care facilities, including requirements for certification and registration of child care facilities, including requirements that child care facilities be certified by the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). The Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD), a division of DELC, issues three different types of child care facility licenses: registered family child care homes, certified family child care homes, and certified centers for infants, toddlers, and school-age children. Registered family child care homes are child care facilities that may care for a maximum of 10 children in a provider's own residence. Currently, ORS 329A.330 limits the number of children per age group that may be cared for by registered family child care homes. Certified family child care homes, defined in OAR 414-350-0000, may care for up to sixteen children in the provider's home and must adhere to additional licensing requirements.