



# Reducing Barriers to Developing Child Care Facilities Across Oregon



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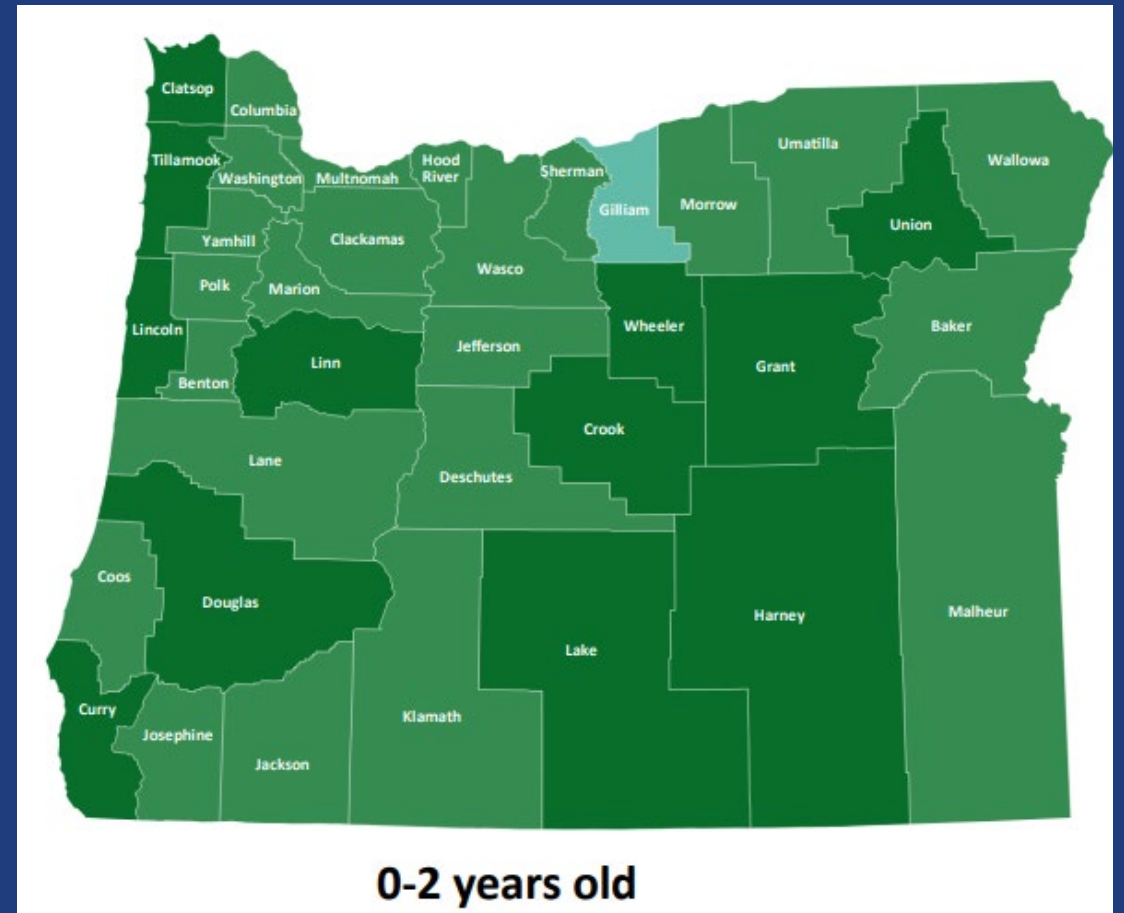
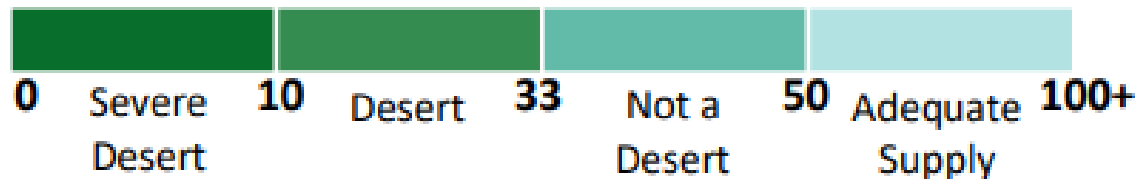
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# Problem: Child Care Deserts

Today, 60% of Oregon residents live in a childcare desert

- Higher rates among Hispanic and Latino, rural, and low-income residents

## Percent of Young Children with Access to a Regulated Slot





# HB 2727 (2023)

## DLCD's charge

- Convene work group
- Evaluate regulatory barriers
- Propose solutions
- Report to legislature

# Licensed Child Care Providers

## Child Care 101: Provider Types

### Family Child Care Homes

- Registered Family: up to 10 children
- Certified Family: up to 16 children



### Child Care Centers

- Certified Child Care Center: capacity determined by floor space and # of staff

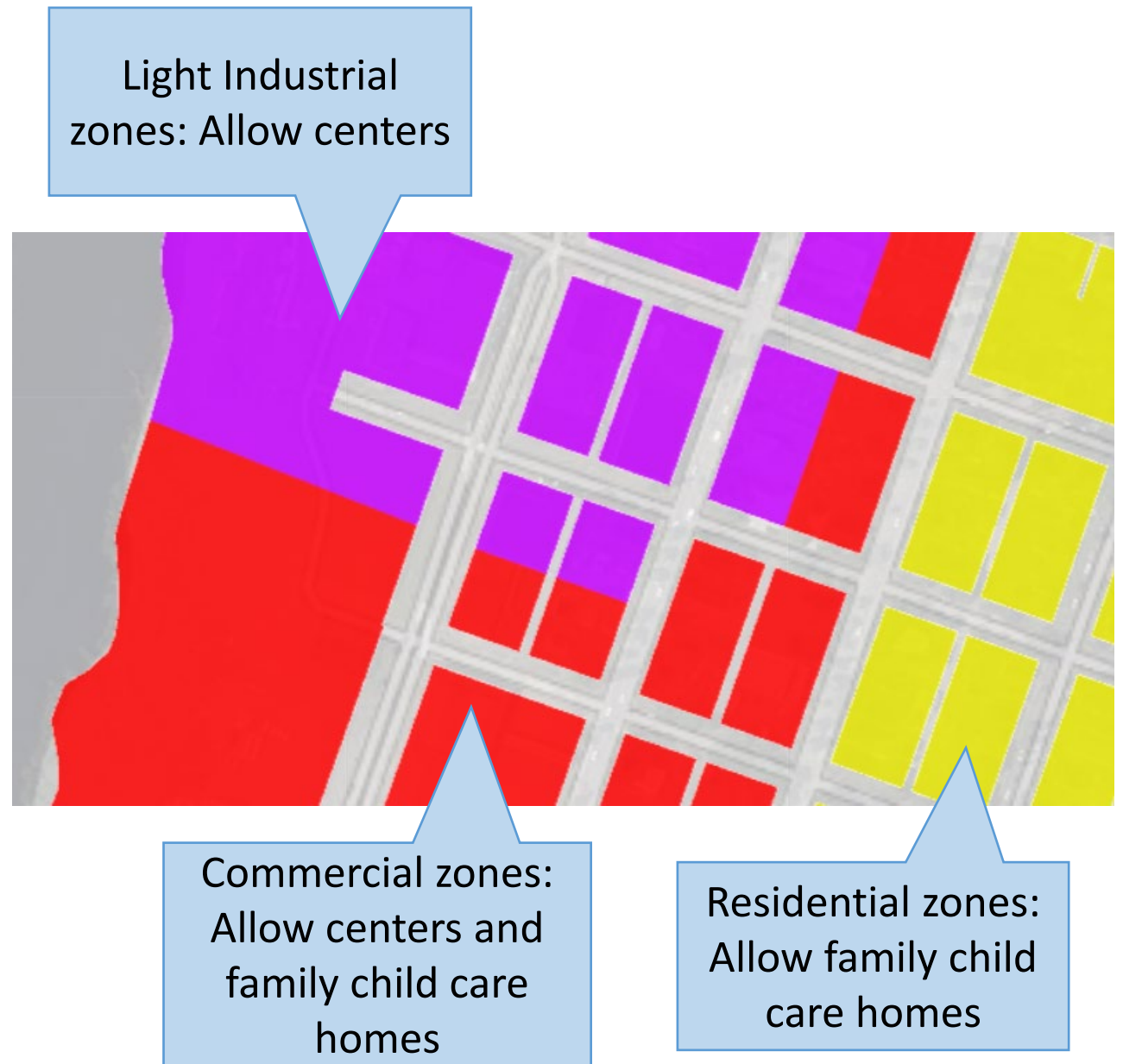


# Existing Statute

ORS 329A.440

“Application of land use regulations to family child care homes”

Applies statewide regardless of local code

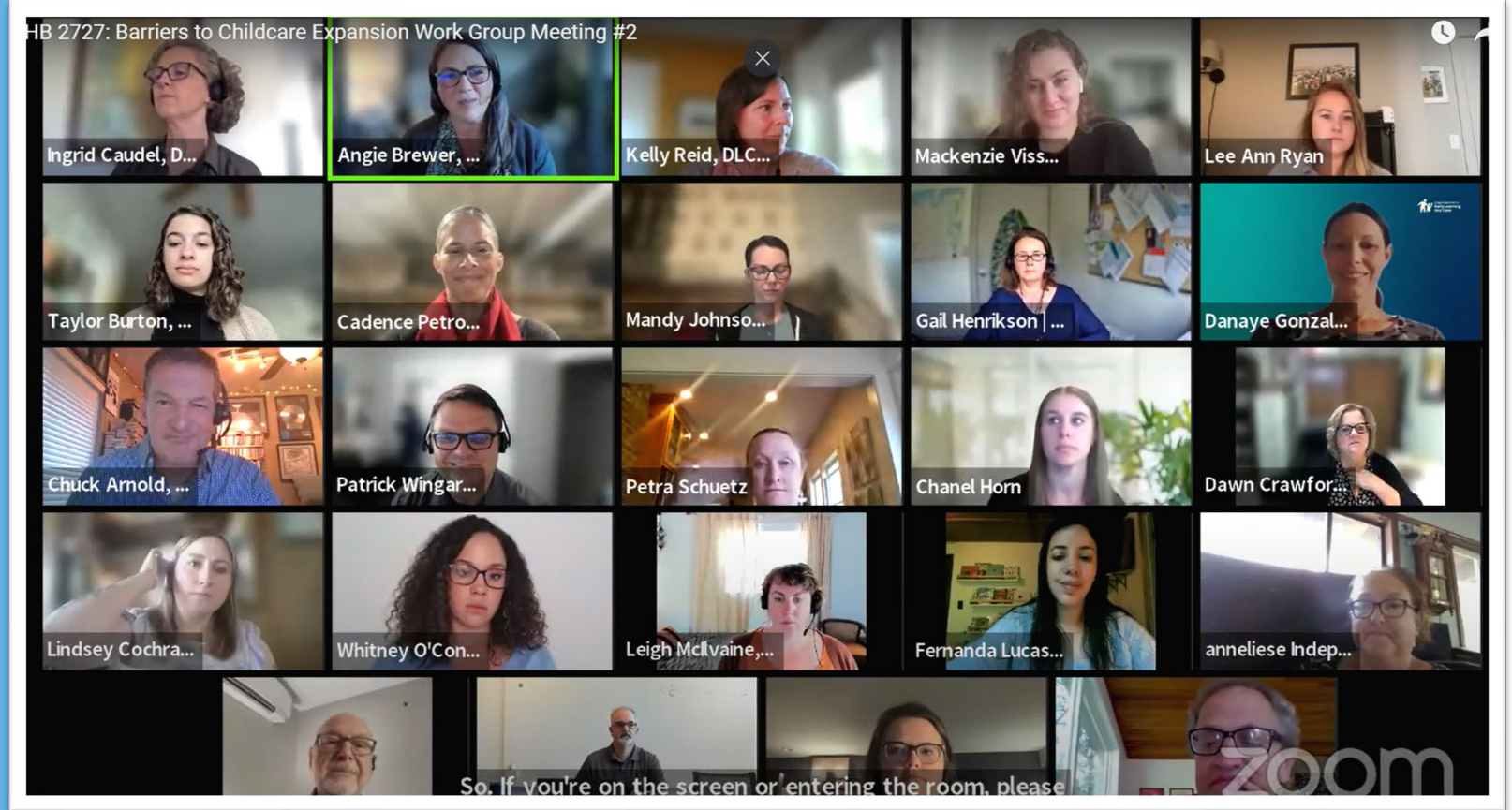


# Work Group

- Legislatively directed
- 22 members
- Ex-officio roles for added coordination



# Engagement



**Work Group meetings**  
**Provider survey**  
**Regulatory scenarios**

**Focus Groups**  
**Interviews**  
**Cross-department coordination**

# Identification of Barriers



- Land use and zoning
- Building codes
- Licensing requirements
- Co-location





# Priority Work Group Recommendations

Recommendation	Action
1. Develop a comprehensive guide for local jurisdictions with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A model zoning code</li> <li>◆ Permitting best practices for permitting process</li> <li>◆ Incentive programs</li> </ul>	State agency
2. Develop guidance for ORS 329A.440 (Application of land use regulations to family child care homes)	Legislative
3. Expand grant funding programs for facilities	Legislative
4. Create local or regional “navigators” to assist providers in permitting	Legislative or local
5. Streamline building permit process for in-home child care	Legislative or local
6. Permit child care centers by right in residential zones	Legislative or local
7. Develop guide for child care providers	State agency
8. Reform Conditional Use Modification process for site changes	Legislative or local
9. Develop guidance for ORS 215.283(2)(dd) (child care centers in resource zones) and ORS 215.448 (home occupations)	State agency
10. Expedite permitting and offer fee reductions	Local
11. Funding for language translation and interpretation	Legislative

# Work Group Recommendations

## Other recommendations for legislative action



- Create a property tax abatement for retrofitting centers.
  - Split or waive prevailing wage requirements on co-located projects.
  - Create an interagency child care facility oversight board.
  - Establish a work group to oversee recommendation implementation.
- Override CC&Rs that do not allow in-home child care in certain neighborhoods.
  - Allow child care by right in existing residences in all zones.
  - Revise regulations or create a new license type that allows for larger capacity Certified Family care homes.

# Thank You

DLCD Project Website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/ChildCareFacilities/Pages/default.aspx>

