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Bill Title: Relating to Healthy Families Oregon home visiting services.

# Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Early Learning and Care

## **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE	
Department of Early Learning and Care	\$ 6,000,000	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	-	-	
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 6,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 6,000,000	-	-	
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE	
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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	ś-	ś-	\$ -	ś-	-	-	

# **Measure Description**

The measure appropriates \$6 million General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) in the 2025-27 biennium to expand or sustain the Healthy Families Oregon (HFO) program.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

HFO is a free, voluntary home visiting program that offers support and education to families who are expecting or parenting newborns. The \$6 million General Fund appropriation to DELC will enable the HFO program to address several ongoing challenges, including wage disparities, workforce retention, and program expansion needs. HFO program staff will oversee the allocation and monitoring of the \$6 million funding, including ensuring that the funds are distributed equitably across HFO grantees, monitoring grantee compliance with funding requirements, and evaluating the impact of the investment. The additional funding will support workforce expansion by adding Family Support Specialists and supervisory staff to meet the needs of underserved communities; recruiting and retaining bilingual staff and culturally specific teams to improve access and HFO service delivery; and providing additional program infrastructure, including office space and outreach efforts.

For context, DELC currently receives Medicaid funding from the Oregon Health Authority for the HFO program.

# **Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026. Therefore, the \$6 million General Fund appropriation will not be available until January 1, 2026.