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Bill Title: Relating to funding for relief nurseries; declaring an emergency.

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
Housing and Community Services							
Department	\$ 4,900,000	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 4,900,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 4,900,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 4,900,000	-	-

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
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Department	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	-

Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$4.9 million General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) in the 2025-27 biennium to distribute to relief nurseries that provide services to children and families in Oregon.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$4.9 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. Relief nurseries offer integrated early childhood therapeutic and family support services to prevent children and their families from needing additional child welfare services in the future as a public-private partnership with DELC. The relief nursery model serves children birth through five and their families. Families experiencing multiple stressors in areas such as mental and physical health, financial, and violence are eligible for the program. Children and their families can receive home visits, respite care, parent support and education, as well as tangible supports such as clothing and food, developmental screening, transportation support, and nutritious meals.

The 2025-27 current service level for the relief nurseries program is \$28.8 million total funds, which includes \$17.7 million General Fund and \$11.2 million Other Funds. Assuming relief nurseries are funded at the current service level, DELC will utilize the additional \$4.9 million to expand services to 300 more children through therapeutic classroom and home visiting services across Oregon.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.