

HB 3933 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$4.9 million from the General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to be distributed to Relief Nursery programs. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2025.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Services provided by relief nurseries.
- Current funding for relief nurseries.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Relief Nursery programs provide services, including therapeutic early childhood program classrooms, parenting education, in-home parenting support, and other outreach services, to families with at-risk children ages zero to five. At-risk children are children who are likely to enter foster care due to multiple risk factors, including children who are living in a household that is at or near the poverty line, living in inadequate or unsafe housing, or living in a household where this is significant or documented domestic conflict. [ORS 417.788](#) directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to support Relief Nursery programs statewide as funding is available. Under Oregon Law, Relief Nurseries that receive state funding must participate in a statewide independent evaluation conducted by the [Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries \(OARN\)](#) to document program outcomes, and they must meet or exceed therapeutic program services necessary certification by OARN. [According to OARN](#), 2,306 children from 1,722 families were served by Relief Nurseries in Oregon in the 2023-24 fiscal year.