



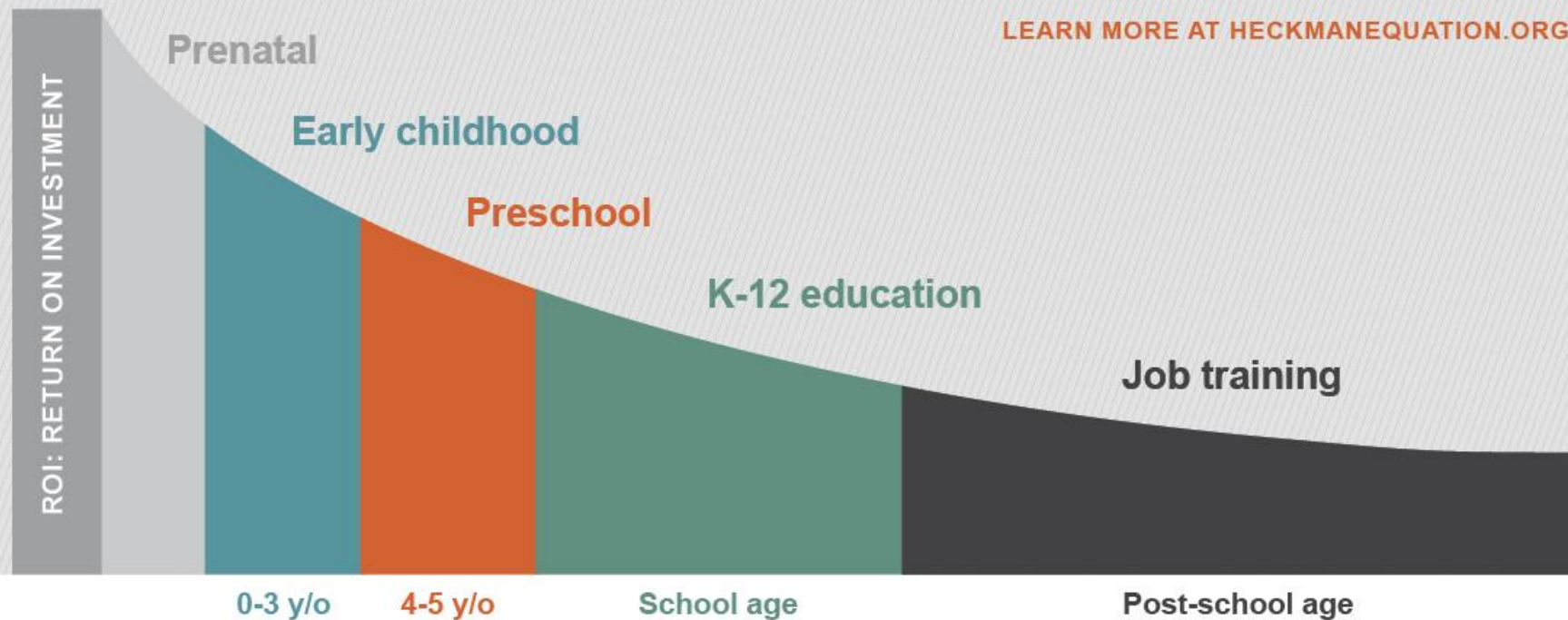
HB 3970: Extending Emergency Housing Support to Babies

Senate Committee on Rules
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Return on Investment

Economic impact of investing in early childhood learning.



Human Brain Development

Synapse Formation Dependent on Early Experiences



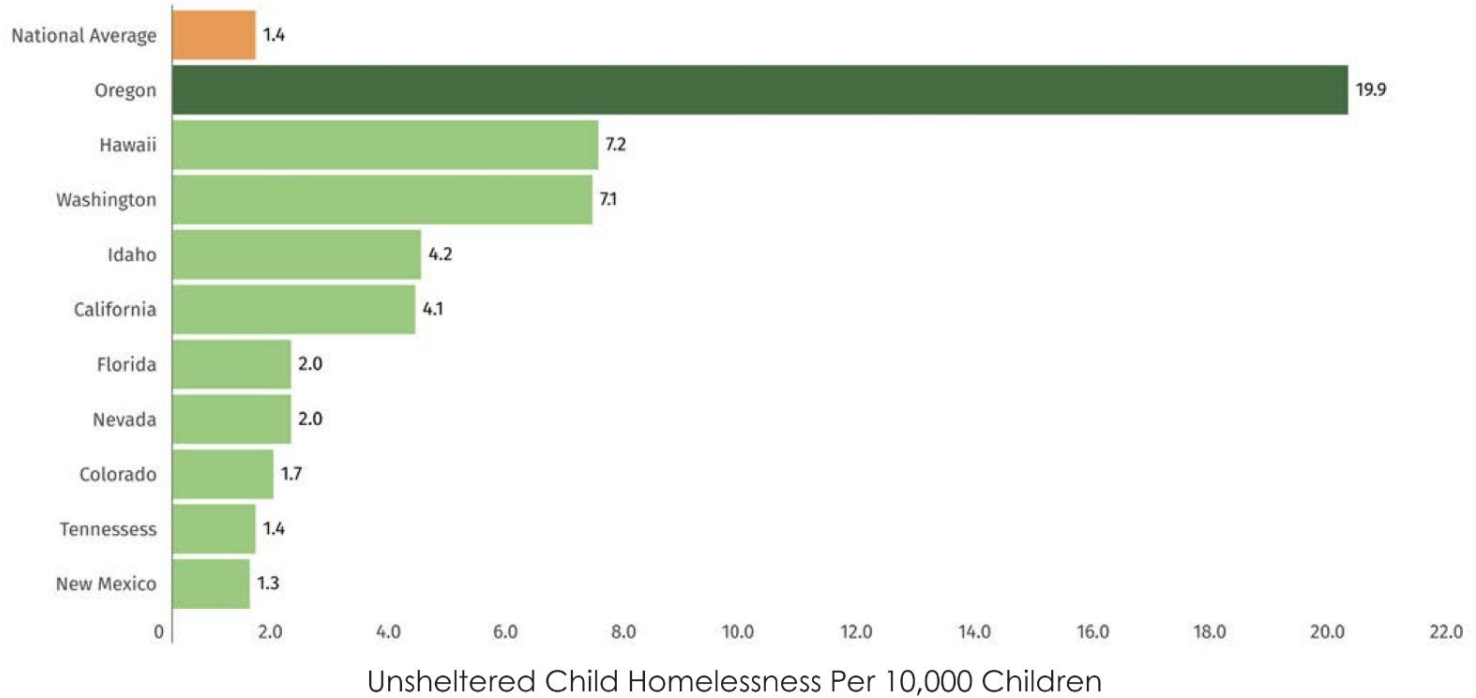
Language

Sensory Pathways
(Vision, Hearing)

Higher Cognitive Function

Figure 32

Oregon ranks worst in the country for unsheltered homelessness among children according to 2023 PIT data



Source: OHCS Tabulation of Point-in-Time Survey Data, 2007 - 2023

2024 State of the State's Housing

Extending Support to Babies



Currently:

Emergency Housing Account Funds can be spent on child homelessness, but **only on K-12 age children**

With HB 3970:

Eligibility is extended to **include children from birth through kindergarten-age and their families**, ensuring that we aren't leaving out our youngest constituents.

Questions?
