

## SB 420 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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**Action Date:** 03/20/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Anderson, Gorsek, Patterson, Reynolds

**Exc:** 1 - Linthicum

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/20

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$6,000,000 in General Fund money for the 2025-2027 biennium to the Department of Early Learning and Care to expand or sustain the Healthy Families Oregon home visiting program.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to program involvement.
- Eligibility criteria.
- Home visitor caseloads.
- Impact of the measure.

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Increases General Fund appropriation from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

#### BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 3073](#) (2021) established the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), consolidating all child care programs and early care and education programs in one state agency. One program moved under DELIC was Healthy Families Oregon (HFO), a nationally accredited home visiting program which began in 1993 and has been run by the State of Oregon since 2012. HFO is a free, voluntary home visiting program that offers support and education to families who are expecting or parenting newborns. Families may opt to participate in weekly home visits for six months or up to three years. Eligibility is determined based on the New Baby Questionnaire, conducted either prenatally or within 14 days of birth. In 2019, HFO programs provided screening and referral services to 11 percent of all Oregon's births ([Healthy Families Oregon 2019 Evaluation Data Tables](#), 2020).

Senate Bill 420 A appropriates \$6,000,000 to DELIC to support the operation and expansion of HFO programs.