

HB 2452 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Action Date: 04/08/25

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

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Hartman, Javadi, Nguyen H, Nosse, Ruiz, Scharf, Walters

Nays: 2 - Elmer, McIntire

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to create a program that provides grants to child care resource and referral (CCR&Rs) entities. The measure directs grant recipients to collect and report information about child care needs in their community, and it appropriates unspecified General Fund moneys to DELIC to administer the grant program and award grants.

Detailed Summary:

- Directs DELIC to establish a program that awards grants to CCR&Rs to provide resources and referral services, including
 - interviewing families to determine the specific child care needs,
 - coaching families on how to evaluate and apply to different child care providers,
 - vetting child care providers on behalf of families, and
 - providing families with a list of child care providers that have been vetted and meet the needs of the family based on conducted interviews.
- Directs DELIC to enter into grant agreements with recipients before issuing grants and permits grant recipients to contract with a third party to provide the resource and referral services.
- Allows grant recipients or contracted third parties to use grant funds to cover ordinary operating expenses.
- Requires DELIC to consider circumstances justifying additional financial support in determining the amount of the grant.
- Directs grant recipients to collect and report information about child care needs of families in their community to local child care providers and economic development organizations, policymakers, the Early Learning Council, local school districts, and other interested community partners.
- Appropriates unspecified General Fund moneys to DELIC to administer the grant program and award grants.
- Sunsets on June 30, 2027.
- Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Changes to the process of child care referrals
- Existing CCR&Rs
- Funding for other child care referral programs
- Differences between services offered by CCR&Rs and Find Child Care Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment allows a recipient of a grant to enter into a contract with a third party to provide resources and referral services and permits the third party to use the grant funds to cover ordinary operating expenses.

BACKGROUND:

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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[Child Care Resource and Referral entities \(CCR&Rs\)](#) are regional organizations funded by the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) that recruit and support local early learning and care programs. CCR&Rs provide support to early care and education (ECE) professionals by helping ECE professionals navigate the early learning system and providing ECE professionals with resources and technical assistance. CCR&Rs are responsible for updating and verifying information about their regional learning programs on the online Find Child Care Oregon (FCCO) tool. [Federal law](#) permits states to use federal funds to establish or support CCR&Rs. DELIC's [Child Care and Development Fund \(CCDF\) Plan](#) details CCR&Rs providing services in Oregon.

Currently, families can receive assistance in finding child care through the [Find Child Care Oregon](#) website, an online database providing information on child care referrals, or through calling or texting the [211info Child Care](#) phone number. [According to the Department of Early Learning and Care](#), prior to 2016, CCR&Rs provided child care referrals to families in Oregon. At that time, the Early Learning Division (now DELIC) created a workgroup to develop recommendations to address child care referrals. In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted [House Bill 3068](#) which replaced resource and referral entities with a statewide network to provide referral services, and directed CCR&Rs to provide training and technical assistance to existing and prospective child care providers and to recruit child care providers, codifying many strategies developed by the 2015 workgroups. The recommendations of the workgroup led to a centralization of child care referrals through [211info Child Care](#).