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Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
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To: House Committee on Early Childhood & Human Services
From: Child Care for Oregon
Date: February 20, 2025
RE: In Support of HB 2452

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, members of the committee:

My name is Ruth, and I am a new home-based child care provider who offers services on evenings, overnight and weekends. As a resident of Oregon, I am here today to express my strong support for House Bill 2452.

As a child care provider, I have faced significant challenges in finding families that need my services. Despite my best efforts using different Facebook pages, distributed flyers in 24hr caregiver center, distributed flyers in department complex, hair salon, Winco, Costco, and Fred Mayer supermarkets, winnie.com, Family Connection, and 211 number, I have struggled to fill my spots with families who need childcare available in the night and evenings. This has resulted in lack of income to support my family, and wondering what I am doing wrong. The need of childcare children makes me experiencing stress and anxiety.

That's why I believe that child care resource and referral directors (CCRRs) are essential in helping families access quality child care like mine. CCRRs provide a vital service by connecting parents with vetted providers, offering guidance and coaching on evaluating care options, and supporting us in navigating the complex child care system.

House Bill 2452 will enable CCRRs to expand their services and better support families like mine. By providing grants to CCRRs, this bill will help ensure that:

- More families have access to quality child care
- Parents receive the support they need to make informed decisions about their children's care
- Child care providers are held to high standards, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our children

If HB 2452 passes, I believe that my family will directly benefit from the expanded

services offered by CCRRs. Specifically, more families that work in the evenings , overnight shifts and weekends will have access to quality child care, so I will be able to keep my business open.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 2452. This legislation has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of Oregon families like mine. By investing in CCRRs, we can ensure that all parents have access to the resources they need to provide their children with a strong foundation for success.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Ruth Hyde