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Dear Chair Hartman, Vice Chair Nguyen, Vice Chair Scharf and Committee Members:

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The Early Learning Council offers its support for HB 2814 which seeks to align the Department of Early Learning and Care statutes to ensure clarity, efficiency and consistency in the licensing process for providers. This bill will:

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- Create fewer child care disruptions due to administrative barriers;
- Create opportunities for DELC to test new options for child care providers;
- Greater efficiency in licensing processes and reduced paperwork for providers;
- Improve support for providers in underserved and rural communities;
- Improve supports for families when child care options are limited; and
- Create consistency across all license types and statutes for waivers and ratios.

ALYSSA CHATTERJEE
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The provisions of this bill directly align with the Council's strategic plan, *Raise Up Oregon*, in ensuring child care licensing supports child care providers in caring for Oregon's children.

We urge your support of HB 2814.

Sincerely,

Sue Miller
Chair, Early Learning Council