



Child Care That Works. For Every Family.

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

On behalf of the Child Care for Oregon Coalition, a coalition of nonprofit organizations, labor unions, community advocates, parents, caregivers, and providers working to build a comprehensive early learning and child care system in Oregon, we strongly urge your support of House Bill 2452.

As a coalition, we recognize the essential role that Child Care Resource and Referral entities (CCRRs) play in helping families find quality child care. CRRs provide invaluable support by:

- Vetting providers to ensure they meet high standards
- Offering guidance on evaluating care options
- Assisting parents in navigating the complexities of the child care system

House Bill 2452 will enable CRRs to expand their services and better support families across Oregon. By providing grants to CRRs, this bill will increase access to quality child care for low-income and marginalized communities, improve the overall quality of child care in the state, and support parents in making informed decisions about their children's care.

This bill will strengthen Oregon's child care system by expanding access, particularly in rural and underserved areas. It will provide greater support for parents navigating child care options. Additionally, it will foster stronger collaboration between CRRs, providers, and community organizations.

In conclusion, we urge you to support House Bill 2452. This legislation has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of Oregon families. By investing in CRRs, 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 our testimony.

Sincerely,

