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On Behalf Of: Myself
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Chair Hartman & Members of the Committee-

My name is Peter Buckley. I am a former state representative from Ashland, having served in the Oregon House for 12 years (2005-27) in the seat now held by the remarkable Pam Marsh. I also serve as a member of the state's Early Learning Council, but I am offering this testimony only on behalf of myself.

Since leaving the legislature, I have been immersed in collaborative work in Jackson and Josephine counties, as well as statewide, in support of children and families. The lack of access to childcare is, as you know, a crisis in Oregon and across the country. It impacts tens of thousands of families in our state, it impacts our businesses and it impacts our communities and it is a crisis that must be addressed to the greatest extent of our abilities.

HB 3560 is a workable, common sense bill that will help families and communities throughout the state. Let's change the dynamic and do everything we can do to increase access to childcare in our state, working in partnership in all of our communities to get it done. I strongly support HB 3560 and I encourage your support of the bill as well.

I greatly appreciate your consideration.

Thanks & Onward,
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