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I am writing to urge you to support investing in the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program. As someone who cares deeply about women and children, I have seen firsthand the struggles that families face when it comes to accessing affordable and high-quality child care.

Despite being a necessity for working parents, child care providers are often undervalued and underpaid. That's why it's essential that we continue to invest in Oregon's child care industry. By investing an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC, we can ensure that more families have access to affordable and high-quality child care options.

This investment will not only benefit working parents but also support the child care providers who are dedicated to providing exceptional care and education to Oregon's children. It will help to recruit and retain qualified providers, provide them with health care benefits, and fund workforce training programs that will enable them to deliver high-quality care.

I urge you to invest an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC. This funding has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of Oregon's children and families. By investing in child care, we can ensure that all children have access to quality early childhood education and set our state up for long-term success.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Amy Randel