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SB 5514: In Support

As a child care worker, I am writing to express my strong support for investing in the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program. This investment has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of Oregon's children and families.

Quality child care is essential for young children's development and future success. It provides a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. However, many families in Oregon struggle to access affordable and high-quality child care due to limited availability and high costs.

Investing an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC will help address these challenges by increasing the availability of affordable and high-quality child care options for working families. This investment will also support child care providers like me who are committed to providing exceptional care and education to Oregon's children.

By investing in ERDC, we can ensure that all children have access to quality early childhood education, regardless of their family's income or background. This is critical for closing the achievement gap and setting our state up for long-term success.

As a child care worker, I believe that investing in ERDC aligns with my core values of promoting quality, affordability, and accessibility in child care. By investing in our children's early years, we can set them up for a lifetime of learning, growth, and success.

In conclusion, 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,  
Alba Chilel

