



Oregon moms and caregivers fighting for gender, economic, and racial justice.

March 6, 2025

Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz, and members of the Committee:

My name is [redacted] and I am a parent, a community member, and an advocate for parents in need of child care assistance in order to work and make a living and provide for their family.

I'm writing to urge lawmakers to invest an additional \$500 million for the Employment Related Day Care Program in SB 5514, the Department of Early Learning and Care agency budget. Investing an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC is crucial to stabilizing the entire child care ecosystem and is essential to addressing long-standing issues plaguing our child care system. By doing so, we can ensure that all families, regardless of income level, have access to affordable and high-quality child care options that meet our unique needs. This investment will have a ripple effect throughout our economy, supporting small businesses, creating jobs, and stimulating local economic growth.

I urge you to allocate an additional \$500 million dollars for the ERDC program in the Department of Early Learning and Care budget.

Thank you,

[redacted]
Sutherlin Oregon