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DATE:March 18, 2025TO:Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral HealthFROM:Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations OfficerRE:SB 1167, Relating to Funding to Develop Successful Children

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County strongly supports SB 1167 and wishes to thank Senator Reynolds, Senator Prozanski, Senator Patterson, Senator Golden, Representative Bowman, Representative Fragala, Representative Isadore, Representative Bobby Levy, Representative Lively, Representative Mannix, Representative Nelson, and Representative Neron for designating \$422,500 to the Early Childhood Hub of Lane County. This critical funding will help ensure that children in Lane County receive equitable development opportunities during the first 1,000 days of life—one of the most crucial periods for cognitive, social, and emotional development.

As a community deeply invested in the well-being of our youngest residents, we recognize that early childhood interventions yield long-term benefits not only for children and families but also for the economic and social health of our state. The Early Childhood Hub of Lane County has been instrumental in supporting families through programs that address prenatal care, maternal stress, early learning, and social determinants of health.

This bill acknowledges the urgent need to invest in evidence-based strategies that promote early childhood success and reduce long-term reliance on state resources. By focusing on early intervention and prevention, we can address the root causes of childhood adversity and build a stronger foundation for future generations.

Please support this bill and the funding designated for the Early Childhood Hub of Lane County. This investment will have a lasting impact on our community and contribute to the overall goal of ensuring every child in Oregon has an equitable opportunity to thrive.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS OFFICER