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House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

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Dear Chair Hudson, Vice Chair Fragala, Vice Chair Harbick and Committee Members:

The Early Learning Council offers its support for HB 3029. The Early Learning Council is committed to supporting policies that strengthen Oregon's workforce and economic infrastructure.

This bill aligns with *Raise Up Oregon*, the state's early childhood system plan which recognizes that a strong workforce is crucial to the well-being of families and communities. The plan also outlines several strategies and actions relating to advancing workforce development in early childhood, education, health and human service sectors.

Investing in workforce development is an investment in Oregon's future. The Early Learning Council offers our support for HB 3029 and encourages passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Sue Miller  
Chair, Early Learning Council