

March 24, 2025

TO: House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services  
FROM: Ali King on behalf of Our Children Oregon's 2025 Children's Agenda  
SUBJECT: Support for HB 2593

Chair Hartman and Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf,

My name is Ali King and I am the Policy and Advocacy Director for Our Children Oregon (OCO), a statewide organization that champions equitable policies and opportunities for every child by leveraging data and research. The Children's Agenda, convened annually by OCO, brings together more than 135 organizations statewide to create a holistic legislative agenda dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Oregon's children, youth, and families.

ERDC is a **top priority** of the 2025 Children's Agenda and has strong and broad support from our partner organizations across Oregon.

As advocates for children and families in Oregon, we have seen firsthand the need for a major transformation of Oregon's child care system and we think it would be extremely beneficial to learn more about how the ERDC waitlist impacts student and working parents.

Thank you all very much for the work you do to support Oregon's children and families. We urge your support for HB 2593 to help explore ways to build a more equitable, accessible, and sustainable child care system in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Our Children Oregon

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Black Parent Initiative

Children's Institute

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