

HB 4057 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wise

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Action Date: 02/10/26

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Hartman, McIntire, Ruiz, Scharf, Walters, Wise

Nays: 1 - Yunker

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to provide information on publicly funded early learning and care programs and resources to all individuals who apply to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidy program. The measure allows the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide this information on behalf of DELIC. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Authorizes DELIC and ODHS to enter into interagency agreements to delegate responsibility for providing standardized information to families seeking early learning and care
- Requires DELIC to provide standardized information to families and individuals who apply or are waitlisted for ERDC prior to referring the family or individual to a generalized resource hotline
- Specifies that standardized information related to publicly funded early learning and care programs includes, but is not limited to, the following: Preschool Promise, Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten, Baby Promise, Healthy Families Oregon, Early Learning Hubs, resource and referral entities, relief nurseries, and Oregon Head Start, Prekindergarten, and Early Head Start

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examination of background check requirements
- Inclusion of an emergency clause
- Fiscal impact
- Non-legislated agency actions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes all provisions relating to the review of background check requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The [ERDC subsidy program](#) helps qualifying families pay for child care. In November 2023, ERDC opened a waitlist for applicants due to increased demand and limited funding. Although DELIC administers the program for families and providers, ODHS manages ERDC eligibility through the [ONE system](#).