

HB 2024 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Early Learning Division (ELD) to administer a program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families whose incomes are at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Requires Early Learning Hubs (Hubs) to conduct a community needs assessment to identify geographic areas or populations that have the highest need and submit a plan to ELD. Requires ELD to contract with resource and referral entities to recruit eligible providers to participate in infant and toddler care program and identify a local entity within each Hub region responsible for awarding grants and contracts to eligible providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A 2018 study by the Oregon Child Care Research Partnership (OCCRP) at Oregon State University found that 12 percent of infants and toddlers in Oregon have access to a regulated child care slot. The measure directs the Early Learning Division to administer a program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.