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Oregon House Passes Bill to Remove Barriers to Child Care, Open More Doors for Working Families

SALEM, OR — In a major win for working families across Oregon, the legislature passed [HB 3560](#), a landmark bill that dramatically expands where child care centers and family child care homes can be located. The legislation paves the way for a more accessible and equitable child care system statewide.

“We need child care located close to where people live and work. This bill will help ensure that child care centers are a part of the fabric of every neighborhood,” **said Representative Pam Marsh, (D-Southern Jackson County)**, who introduced the legislation.

HB 3560 opens the door for child care centers to operate in a wider variety of areas, including residential neighborhoods, commercial districts, and certain industrial zones. The bill also allows centers to co-locate with community-based institutions like schools, libraries, public parks, civic centers, and places of worship—creating more convenient, integrated child care options for families.

“Ensuring access to childcare is good for our communities,” said **Rep. Courtney Neron (D-King City, Sherwood, Wilsonville)**. “When parents have access to dependable care close to home or work, they’re better able to stay in the workforce, contribute to the economy, and participate in community life. This is a smart move that will help Oregon families.”

HB 3560 protects family child care homes by affirming their status as residential uses and prevents local governments from imposing additional restrictions or fees that go beyond those required for other residential properties. Local jurisdictions are required to update their land use regulations within one year to comply with the new law, ensuring uniformity and prompt action statewide.

“This is a game-changer for families and providers alike,” said **Representative Hòa Nguyễn (D-East Portland and Damascus)**, sponsor of the bill, a school board member and the founding member of the Child Care Caucus. “For too long, zoning laws have limited where we can care for our children. This bill breaks down those outdated barriers and helps us meet families where they are.”

Whether in Portland or Pendleton, HB 3560 cuts through the red tape that prevents child care providers from opening and operating in places where families need them most. With Oregon’s ongoing child care crisis—especially in rural and underserved areas—this bill is a bold step toward ensuring that every child and every family has access to accessible and affordable child care.

The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

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