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Oregon House Passes First Ever Child Tax Credit

Oregon Kids' Credit, House Bill 3235, puts money back into the hands of struggling families , will help drive down costs and reduce poverty

SALEM, Ore. - Today, the House passed House Bill 3235, Oregon's first ever state-based child tax credit that will provide **\$1,000-per-child for working parents** struggling to make ends meet.

Known as the Oregon Kids' Credit, House Bill 3235 will help families cover rising costs and the daily basics, including things like rent, food, utilities, child care, and more. According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, approximately 55,000 Oregon children are expected to benefit from this credit.

“Working families are the backbone of our economy. It’s time we make sure they have the support they need to put food on the table, keep a roof over their heads, and afford daily essentials. This tax credit is going to give parents the relief they need,” **said Representative Andrea Valderrama** (D-Outer East Portland), **chief sponsor of the bill**.

[Black, Indigenous, People of Color](#) (BIPOC) and [rural](#) communities, disproportionately impacted by economic disparities, have shown to greatly benefit from the child tax credit.

“Children are particularly vulnerable to the consequences of poverty, which is often a source of toxic stress in the home and can lead to hunger and homelessness. Children raised in poverty often become impoverished adults. This tax credit will support families with the economic support they need to thrive and it will help end the cycle of poverty,” **said Representative Lisa Reynolds** (D-Washington County), **chief sponsor of the bill and a pediatrician**.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2022 that the 2021 expansion of the child tax credit resulted in 5.3 million Americans, including 2.9 million children, being lifted out of poverty. Investing in child care and early learning means healthier, happier kids and families.

The bill is part of Democrats’ [\\$172 million Early Childhood Budget](#) framework for the 2023-2025 biennium. The House also passed House Bill 5013 earlier this month, locking in \$1.2 billion for the Department of Early Learning and Childcare (DELCC) to give the newly

independent agency a stable foundation for its vital work.

The bill passed 51-1 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

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