

Early Childhood



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Early Childhood policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2025** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Early Childhood Subtopics:

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Child Care

SB 567	✗	The measure would have directed the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to establish and implement a childcare provider incentive program, funded by the Child Care Provider Incentive Fund at the State Treasury.
HB 2452 A	✗	The measure would have directed the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to create a program that provides grants to child care resource and referral (CCR&Rs) entities. The measure would have directed grant recipients to collect and report information about child care needs in their community and appropriated unspecified General Fund moneys to DELIC to administer the grant program and award grants.
HB 2593 A	✗	The measure would have changed the name of the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidy program to the Oregon Child Care Affordability Program. The measure would have directed the Department of Early Learning and Care to collaborate with stakeholders to study and develop recommendations to remove families from the ERDC wait-list and to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly.
HB 2814	✓	The measure allows the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to waive certain certification requirements for child care facilities if DELIC determines that safeguards exist to protect the welfare of children and the consumer interests of children and parents.

- HB 2842 A** ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$210,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for distribution to the Marion County Lawyers Charitable Corporation and \$210,000 General Fund for distribution to Polk County for the expansion and establishment of programs providing free child care to people with courthouse or government business.
- HB 3496** ✗ The measure would have directed the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop guidance for local governments related to the siting, incentivizing, and development of child care facilities.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.
- HB 3560** ✓ The measure expands allowable sites for child care centers, including in certain residential zones. It requires local governments to update local plans and land use regulations with the new zoning requirements within one year of the measure's effective date. It moves statutory provisions for the siting of child care facilities to the chapter of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) relating to comprehensive land use planning.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.

Early Learning

- SB 1099** ✓ The measure requires counties and cities to allow preschool or prekindergarten education on real property where places of worship are permitted.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.
- SB 1167 A** ✗ The measure would have appropriated funds from the General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) for the 2025-2027 biennium to fund programs that support the development of successful children.
- HB 2811** ✗ The measure would have established the Imagination Library of Oregon Program to provide a free book each month to eligible children and directed the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) to implement the program.



- HB 2815** ✓ The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to develop and implement a statewide early learning and care plan for Native American and Alaska Native children eight years old or younger, abolishes the existing Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC), and establishes the Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance to advise DELIC on the development of the plan. It directs DELIC to establish and administer a grant program to carry out the plan and creates the Tribal Early Learning Fund.

Family Supports

- SB 694** ✗ The measure would have raised the amount of the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per dependent and increased the annual income limit for eligibility.
- SB 1013** ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the 2025-2027 biennium to support the Liberty House.
- SB 1033 A** ✗ The measure would have exempted a county or other entity with a nurse-family partnership program from paying the nonfederal share of the costs for targeted case management services given to Medicaid members enrolled in the program.
- HB 2901** ✗ The measure would have permitted authorized facilities to install a newborn safety device if the device and facility met certain requirements. It would have allowed parents to leave a newborn in the safety device, instead of interacting with a person at the facility, for the purpose of anonymously surrendering an infant.
- HB 3195** ✓ The measure removes the \$300,000 limit on the maximum amount that a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) can receive from the CAC One-Time Grant Fund and extends the deadline for the Department of Justice to award and distribute available grant funds from June 2025 to September 2025.



HB 3201 A ✗ The measure would have directed the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to implement policies to increase access to healthy and culturally relevant foods for children in child care. It would have increased the reimbursement rate for eligible meals and snacks served under the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by 10 cents as compared to the federal reimbursement rate, instructed ODE to equalize reimbursement rates across CACFP tier classifications, and created a supplemental fund to support the change. The measure would have appropriated \$250,000 from the General Fund for distribution to the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service to create culturally specific menus for the CACFP.

Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Human Services.

HB 3933 ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$4.9 million from the General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) to be distributed to Relief Nursery programs.

Perinatal Health

SB 420 A ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$6,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care for the 2025-2027 biennium to expand or sustain the Healthy Families Oregon home visiting program.

SB 690 ✓ The measure requires courts to reschedule eviction hearings for certain parents of young children who are eligible for health-related social needs (HRSN) housing supports. It directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to prioritize certain parents of young children in rules, policies, and programs.

SB 691 A ✗ The measure would have expanded a project for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes and changed medical assistance coverage requirements for pregnant women and women with infants who have a substance use disorder.

Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Behavioral Health.

SB 692 ✓ The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to support and fund community-based perinatal services. It expands coverage of community-based perinatal services for people receiving medical assistance and requires coverage of community-based perinatal services by private health insurers.

Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Health Care.



- SB 693 A** ✗ The measure would have established the Task Force on the Perinatal Workforce.
Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Health Care.
- SB 695 A** ✗ The measure would have directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to create whole person mental health programs, to include early childhood partners in the development of community health assessments (CHA) and community health improvement plans (CHP), and to support investments in maternal and early childhood health.
Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Health Care.
- SB 1039 A** ✗ The measure would have established the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative at Oregon Health and Sciences University and would have allocated \$1,500,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the 2025-2027 biennium to establish the collaborative.

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