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Rep. Jules Walters Extends Gratitude to Governor Kotek's Investment in Childcare

SALEM, Ore. - Today, **Rep. Jules Walters D-West Linn**, a mother of four who understands the necessity of child care for working parents, issued a statement applauding the governor's decision to use Oregon CHIPS dollars to expand investments in child care for Oregonians.

"Currently, every county in Oregon is considered a 'child care desert,' which means that for every open child care slot, there are up to ten children who need it. This year, I worked in the legislature to pass the CHIPS Child Care Infrastructure Fund and today's announcement of Governor Kotek's investments builds on that work. These funds represent a crucial investment in our state's future, supporting both working families and the semiconductor industry.

"I commend our partners in the legislature, advocacy groups, and community stakeholders whose dedication and advocacy helped overcome hurdles to pass the CHIPS Child Care Bill this session and urge others to continue investing. We must remain committed to building a brighter future for all Oregonians - and that means doing whatever possible to increase access to child care in Oregon."

The CHIPS Child Care Bill, which [passed](#) during the 2024 short session, was introduced by Walters who has a track record of working with fellow lawmakers to address the pressing needs of our state. Governor Tina Kotek signed House Bill 4098 into law on April 4, 2024.

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