

2019 Legislation Session

Early Learning Bills

The following bills either identify the Early Learning Division, Early Learning Council or Office of Child Care or have been prioritized as having a significant impact on early learning.

- [HB 2024](#) – Directs Early Learning Division to establish program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families that are eligible to receive employment-related child care subsidy. **(Requested by Governor Kate Brown for ELD)**
- [HB 2025](#) – Revises preschool program administered by Early Learning Division and establishes program as Preschool Promise Program. Expands eligibility criteria for Oregon prekindergarten program and specifies teaching and funding requirements to participate in program. Establishes scholarship and grant program to develop early childhood care and education professionals. Transfers certain reporting duties regarding prekindergarten program from Superintendent of Public Instruction to Early Learning Division. **(Requested by Governor Kate Brown for ELD)**
- [HB 2027](#) – Permits Office of Child Care to consider any information obtained by office when reviewing enrollment in Central Background Registry. Adds to definition of “exempt prohibited individual,” for purposes of five-year prohibition against providing child care, individuals whose certification, registration or enrollment in Central Background Registry has been suspended. Requires opportunity for hearing when office imposes condition on child care facility’s certification or registration. Permits office to impose emergency condition without hearing upon finding of serious danger to health and safety of children receiving care. Permits office to take evidence, take depositions, compel appearance of witnesses, require answers to interrogatories, compel production of documents, issue subpoenas and inspect facility premises when investigating child care facilities. **(Requested by Governor Kate Brown for ELD)**
- [HB 2224](#) - Directs Department of Education to distribute grants for improving student outcomes by supporting social, emotional, mental and physical health needs of students. Prescribes requirements for receiving distributions. Directs department to create list of recommended curricula and training for students and school employees related to social and emotional learning, trauma-informed care and other student mental health issues. Directs department to create statewide data-sharing implementation team to eliminate barriers between health care and education service providers. **(Sponsored by House Ed for COSA)**

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- [HB 2244](#) – Establishes CourtCare Fund and appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Education for distribution to counties to operate CourtCare programs. Directs circuit courts to collect surcharge on certain fees to be deposited in CourtCare Fund. **(Pre-session filed by House Interim Committee on Early Childhood & Family Supports)**
- [HB 2246](#) – Directs Early Learning Division to develop plan for ensuring children seamlessly transition between mental health services. Directs division to submit plan to Governor and report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. **(Pre-session filed by House Interim Committee on Early Childhood & Family Supports)**
- [HB 2247](#) – Directs Early Learning Division to develop, implement and administer Oregon Imagination Library Project to improve reading proficiency and high school graduation rates by providing enrolled children with age-appropriate book once each month. Establishes Oregon Imagination Library Account within Early Learning Division Fund for purposes of funding project. **(Pre-session filed by House Interim Committee on Early Childhood & Family Supports)**
- [HB 2261](#) - Expands scope of levels of education considered by Quality Education Commission. Modifies membership of commission. (Adds pre-k to QEM ELSD to QEC)
- [HB 2262](#) – Modifies duties and membership of Early Learning Council. **(Requested by Governor Kate Brown for Chief Education Office)**
- [HB 2318](#) – Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring, and school districts from administering, certain assessments to students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade two. Makes exception for assessments administered for diagnostic purposes as required under state or federal law.
- [HB 2346](#) – Establishes Task Force on Employment-Related Child Care to conduct study on improving access to and availability of subsidies for employment-related child care, to make recommendations for improving communications between Early Learning Division and child care providers, to make recommendations for improving policy coordination between Early Learning Division and Department of Human Services self-sufficiency programs and to develop plan to expand access to employment-related child care opportunities.
- [HB 2348](#) – Directs Early Learning Division to develop pilot program in rural area of state that reimburses child care providers for cost of providing high-quality child care rather than percentage of market rate. Appropriates moneys from General Fund for pilot program. Directs Department of Human Services to set reimbursements for child care providers providing services to recipients of Employment Related Day Care program at 75 percent of market rate. Directs department to reduce subsidy recipient copayments to no more than 10 percent of household income. Directs department to contract with child care providers to provide off-hour child care in counties where no more than 10 percent of children zero to three years of age have access to child care. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department.

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- [HB 2349](#) – Directs Early Learning Division to establish child care provider business training program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to division for program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to division for small grant program to assist child care providers with costs associated with providing quality child care.
- [HB 2608](#) - Establishes standard for Department of Human Services payments to child care providers in economically disadvantaged geographic areas.
- [HB 2897](#) - Establishes Early Childhood Equity Fund and authorizes the Early Learning Division to create grants.
- [HB 3394](#) - Modifies required child care resource and referral entity services.
- [HB 5015](#) - Forms a fund for the purpose of supporting culturally specific early learning programs.
- [SB 168](#) - Directs Department of Human Services to study and make recommendations on provisions of state law relating to child care. Requires department to submit report on findings to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2021.
- [SB 183](#) – Directs Early Learning Council to study and make recommendations on provisions of state law relating to regulation of child care providers. Requires council to submit report on findings to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2021.
- [SB 490](#) – Adds individuals who have operated child care facility in violation of child care facility or Central Background Registry law to list of individuals who are prohibited from providing child care for five years. Prohibits permanently from providing child care individuals who have been subject of substantiated report of child abuse in which victim suffered serious harm or death and individuals who are required to report as sex offenders.
- [SB 798](#) - Requires Early Learning Division to convene funding advisory committee for the purpose of making recommendations for grants under the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program.

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Early Learning Legislative Presentations as of March 27, 2019

	Session Begins -	January 22, 2019	January 23, 2019	January 24, 2019
Committee			House Education	
Presentation			Early Childhood Education	
	January 28, 2019	January 29, 2019	January 30, 2019	January 31, 2019
Committee	House Education	JCSS - ECE Sub		
Presentation	Overview of Early Learning Division & History of Early Learning Council and Hubs	Raise Up Oregon		
Public Hearing	HB 2025			
	HB 2262			
	February 4, 2019	February 5, 2019	February 6, 2019	February 7, 2019
Committee	House Education	JCSS - ECE Sub		
Presentation		Overview of Early Learning in Oregon		JC Work Group Recommendations Relating to Early Childhood Education
Public Hearing	HB 2247			
Public Hearing	HB 2318			

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W&M Education – [Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education](#)
JCSS – [Joint Committee on Student Success](#)

Senate Education – [Senate Committee on Education](#)
Senate Human Services – [Senate Committee on Human Services](#)

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	February 11, 2019	February 12, 2019	February 13, 2019	February 14, 2019
Committee Presentation		JCSS - ECE Sub Governor's Children's Cabinet Recommendations & Early Childhood Coalition Recommendations		
	February 18, 2019	February 19, 2019	February 20, 2019	February 21, 2019
Committee Work Session	Senate Education SB 14			
Committee Presentation	House Education	JCSS - ECE Sub Equity Fund & Preschool in Oregon: Gaps & Opportunities	House Human Services & Housing Child Care Day	JCSS - ECE Sub Gaps & Opportunities in ECE, Zero to Three
Work Session	HB 2247		HB 2024 HB 2027 HB 2348 HB 2349 HB 2346 HB 2608 HB 2348 HB 2349 HB 2346 HB 2608	
Public Hearing	HB 2742			

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	February 25, 2019	February 26, 2019	February 27, 2019	February 28, 2019
Committee	Joint Ways and Means	JCSS - ECE Sub		
Presentation	Early Learning Division Overview	Early Learning Workforce		
Committee		Senate Human Services		
Public Hearing		SB 490		
	March 4, 2019	March 5, 2019	March 6, 2019	March 7, 2019
Committee	House Education			
Public Hearing	HB 2897			
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Public Hearing				HB 2244
Work Session			HB 2348	