

\$250 million investment to working families and Oregon's economy.

SB 5514: \$225M for the Employee Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

The ERDC program is a lifeline for families but is underfunded. A \$225 million investment in ERDC will protect against a projected shortfall and ensure DELC has the resources to serve all eligible families in the next biennium.

HB 2452: \$9M will strengthen Oregon's child care referral system.

Provides more community-based assistance for families and providers statewide. The funds return the enhanced referrals system to Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies so that they can better support both ERDC families and providers in their communities.

HB 3008: \$15.4M for child care workers to stay in and enter the profession.

Child care is the workforce behind the workforce and critical to ensuring Oregon families and our economy can thrive. We must continue to invest in the retention, recruitment, and development of this critical workforce.



At the end of the day, it's like an impossible cycle of how am I going to work if I can't afford child care, but how do I afford child care if I can't work? Without affordable child care, there's no way to work to afford housing, and food and all of the other things it takes to take care of your family."

Natalie Kiyah, single mother of four children enrolled in ERDC

HB 2593: Plan to End the Waitlist for ERDC.

Parents and caregivers rely on ERDC to provide quality child care so that they can go to work and school, and provide for their families. HB 2593 creates a workgroup to develop recommendations on how to better serve families and end the ERDC waitlist using existing resources. In addition, HB 2593 will change the program's name to the Oregon Child Care Affordability Program. The workgroup will include the Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Human Services Self Sufficiency Programs, and advocates like Family Forward.