

# House Bill 2452

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest:** The Act tells DELC to create a program to give grants to child care entities to help parents or guardians of children access child care. The Act gives money to DELC for grant program. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.0).

Directs the Department of Early Learning and Care to establish a program to award grants to child care resource and referral entities to help parents or guardians of children access child care.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the department to award grants to child care resource and referral entities.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to financial support for child care resource and referral entities; and declaring an emer-  
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Early Learning and Care shall establish a program**  
6 **to award grants to child care resource and referral entities in Oregon to provide resources**  
7 **and referral services to parents or guardians of children, including but not limited to:**

8 (a) **Interviewing parents or guardians of a child to determine the specific child care needs**  
9 **of the parent or guardian and child, including but not limited to needs related to age, devel-**  
10 **opment, culture, language, hours and affordability.**

11 (b) **Coaching parents or guardians of children who need child care services on how to**  
12 **evaluate and apply to different child care providers and engage in effective self-advocacy.**

13 (c) **Vetting child care providers on behalf of a parent or guardian of a child to assist with**  
14 **determining whether a child care provider is able to provide child care services that meet**  
15 **the needs of the child of the parent or guardian.**

16 (d) **Providing a parent or guardian of a child a list of child care providers in the parent**  
17 **or guardian's primary language that have been vetted under paragraph (c) of this subsection**  
18 **that meet the needs of the child of the parent or guardian based upon the interview con-**  
19 **ducted under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

20 (2) **Before issuing a grant under this section, the department shall enter into a grant**  
21 **agreement with the recipient.**

22 (3) **A recipient of a grant under this section may use the awarded moneys to cover ordi-**  
23 **nary operating expenses, including but not limited to:**

24 (a) **Employing a part-time referral services specialist;**

25 (b) **Employing a part-time outreach specialist;**

26 (c) **Data collection;**

27 (d) **Interpretation services;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (e) Technology;
- 2 (f) Rent; or
- 3 (g) Any other reasonable expense associated with operating a child care resource and
- 4 referral entity.
- 5 (4) In determining the amount of a grant, the department shall consider circumstances
- 6 justifying additional financial support, including but not limited to:
- 7 (a) The geographic location of the child care resource and referral entity;
- 8 (b) The number of families needing services in the geographic region;
- 9 (c) The difficulty of engaging in outreach;
- 10 (d) The amount of interpretation services that will be needed to serve the community of
- 11 the region; and
- 12 (e) Any other unique operational or community needs.
- 13 (5) Each recipient of a grant shall collect information about the child care needs of
- 14 families in the community and supply that information to:
- 15 (a) Child care providers in the community.
- 16 (b) Economic development organizations in the community.
- 17 (c) Local, state and federal policymakers, the Early Learning Council, the school district
- 18 in which the recipient operates and any other interested community partner.
- 19 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on June 30, 2027.
- 20 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
- 21 ated to the Department of Early Learning and Care, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
- 22 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, to administer and award grants under
- 23 section 1 of this 2025 Act.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
- 25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
- 26 July 1, 2025.
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