

Protect Child Care Providers in Rentals

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PROBLEM

- **Oregon is facing a child care crisis** - every county in Oregon is a child care desert for infants and toddlers, and the situation is not much better for families with older children.
- **Home-based child care providers are critical to Oregon's child care landscape** - they more often provide evening, weekend, and overnight care, infant-toddler care, care in rural and remote communities, and linguistically diverse and culturally specific care.
- **Home based child care providers in rentals are vulnerable - and, therefore, so are the children and families they serve.** Many home-based child providers operate their small businesses in homes they rent with the support of their landlord. However, if their landlord changes their mind, sells the property to another landlord, or sells the home and providers need to find a new rental, these child care programs are in jeopardy.
- **This issue disproportionately impacts women of color and immigrant or refugee women**, who are more likely to live in rental homes.
- **Child care businesses are strong rental candidates.** They are well regulated by the Early Learning Division to ensure their homes are clean and in good repair and children are well cared for.

SB 599 IS PART OF THE SOLUTION

Partners have worked to craft SB 599 and a consensus amendment include: AFSCME, Children's Institute, Family Forward Oregon, Rental Housing Alliance Oregon, Multi Family NW, and the Oregon Rental Housing Association.

SB 599 will:

- 1) Ensure that landlords may not prohibit a tenant from operating a home based child care, as long as the child care is certified or registered with the Early Learning Division and the tenant has notified the landlord of the use.
- 2) Retain landlord control over any modifications to the home and compliance with rental agreements.
- 3) Allow landlords to require tenant home-based child care providers to secure liability protection in the event of injury of children or guests related to the operation of the business. Options include:
 - a) Requiring all families with children in care to signed waivers or
 - b) Maintaining a reasonable surety bond or liability insurance.

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STORIES FROM CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

- A child care provider in Beaverton operated a 5-star child care out of her rental home for 6 years. During the pandemic, her landlord abruptly decided she no longer wanted child care in her rental unit, and gave the provider 2 weeks to either close her child care or move out of the unit.
- A child care provider in Astoria operated child care for 10 children in her rental home for 10 years. Her home was sold to a new landlord, who told her she could no longer operate child care in the home. She now works in a cannery, and Astoria has lost these child care spaces.
- A child care provider in Portland shared she had been looking for a rental for months after her landlord sold her home, and she was turned down dozens of times. In 2021, she was on the verge of homelessness after being a child care provider for 27 years.

SB 599 SUPPORTERS

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Children's Institute
Child Care for Oregon
Coalition of Communities of Color
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Family Forward Oregon
Happy Go Lucky Child Care
Healthy Families Oregon Coalition
Latino Network
Metropolitan Family Service
Multnomah County
Nurse-Family Partnership
Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (ORAEYC)
Oregon Child Care Alliance
Oregon Early Learning Hub Association
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Relief Nurseries Association
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