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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Learning Council Members

From: Gabriela Hernandez, Early Learning Council Administrator

Date: July 9, 2025

Re: Notification of Rulemaking Actions & Presentations

Executive Summary: The purpose of this memo is to update the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the development of rules, including associated community and partner engagement, which the ELC will be previewing and voting on in upcoming meetings.

The Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DEL.C) plans to present **one ruleset** for an action on temporary rule change. Please reach out with any questions or concerns about the rulemaking process to Gaby Hernandez, Early Learning Council Administrator.

The following ruleset will be **voted on** during the July 9th meeting.

- Certified Family Child Care Homes

RULESETS FOR PRESENTATION & ACTION IN JULY

Certified Family Child Care Homes

SUMMARY: In December 2024, the ELC adopted administrative rules for certified family child care homes. These rules took effect July 1, 2025. During the implementation process, it was discovered that key safety rules were not incorporated into the final rules that were adopted. The rules of concern are related to **Prevention and Management of Hazards OAR 414-360-0840**, specifically the prohibition of illegal controlled substances on the premises and a general rule protecting children from water hazards.

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PROCESS: DELC is proposing to adopt temporary rules for the unincorporated rules that have been identified as needing immediate inclusion. Permanent rulemaking to address all the unincorporated rules and required engagement with impacted communities will be completed prior to the 180 day expiration date of the temporary rules.

NEXT STEPS: The Early Learning Council will vote on the proposed temporary rule amendment at the July 9, 2025 meeting. If passed, the rule amendment will be temporarily effective on July 9, 2025 in the Department of Early Learning and Care. The permanent change will be brought to the Early Learning Council for action at the December 10, 2025 meeting. If passed, the rule amendment will be permanently effective on December 10, 2025 in the Department of Early Learning and Care.

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