



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Leadership Team, Department of Early Learning and Care

From: Kathy Wai, Administrative Rules and Legislative Coordinator

Date: December 10, 2025

Re: Presiding Officer's Report on Rulemaking Hearing

Proposed Ruleset: OAR 414-576-0000, 414-576-0010, 414-576-0020, 414-576-0030, 414-576-0040

The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) held a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed ruleset for the Birth Through Five Literacy Fund. Notice of the hearing was published by the Secretary of State in the October 1, 2025 Oregon Bulletin. Notice was also sent to interested parties and persons who requested notice pursuant to ORS 183.335(7). The hearing was presided over by Kathy Wai.

Hearing Information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
October 27, 2025	5:00 PM	Zoom (Virtual)

Attendees who wished to comment on proposed rules were given the zoom information, informed of procedures for taking comments, and notified that the hearing was recorded. To reduce barriers to participation, registration via zoom was not required and the hearing was live streamed on DELC's YouTube.

Before receiving comment, staff briefly summarized proposed rules. A recording of the hearing is available on the DELC website.

Summary of Oral Comments:

One member of the public attended the public hearing. Shannon M. Blood of Reach Out and Read Northwest offered verbal testimony to recommend removing OAR 414-576-0020 (1)(c) which states eligible grantees for early childhood literacy services must be current grantees, noting the proposed language limits accessibility for programs and can lead to an uncoordinated early learning system.