**Early Childhood Hub of Lane County**

**Family Leadership Council**

**February 8, 2024**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Notes**

**Legislative Session Discussion:**

The current legislative session is happening right now, and it is a short session. **The FLC is moving forward with writing brief letters about topics that are important to them.** Below you will find brief summaries of bills that are being presented in front of the legislature. Thank you, Adrian, for helping me find bills that the FLC will be interested in. You can also **click on the links to find more in-depth information about each bill**. Sadly, it is not available in Spanish. After you read through each, **please write a few sentences as to why that bill is important to you**. **Here is the** [**advocacy letter template**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnrImbqUiMznsm4zUXnUgHygt9mhk0I4XLi8OvXQczfs0DuO3amNpjvuExU1NV6Ppj4b6VNVY05Iz2lqII-cuTl5d6Bj8RLMLtP5Cp3KRJS_BzS5125Wc90GkauaLsodC5bX8eKW0tVKC5KkChLMUQ_EgznR8r2HiumFovftZ4-qkirnb2Y53psQ==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==) **of how to write your letter also.**

* [SB 1532](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnpxfGSCysW-OkVdRKL1n74FxtZIS9EjFX4jIBATI9UeDYH_oO1-PWQoRFuFRLcBIXQ1g-ROiXN-jTwfg1uRry_kJCh_sQ3CCJoZD9yUdc9o2lWhkZHrGTc6TJ7C2daU1nDiZwKffNw2wXt-X4flWUYJ-30XhwgSh5RPqFUbKEYChHtYHvW8hSEg==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==) Directs the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide education plan for students who are asylum seekers, refugees or any other immigrant.
* [SB 1558](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdn5-NkVaeRhWFKI62cY287QtYBtdtHJ6fBs01uv7-EejX1RzIHUotPoIUpwZItc8_pEdDZu7KBMvpLcU2YzTXR-q_GVm96NGbJg2BRwSek2zJwu5nmM8V209eHmTtOsRIGYO64vdlYYdTb4hI9XoxiP1Np9qIduNic&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Makes an exception to abbreviated school day requirements for when a student voluntarily does not schedule a class for one or more class periods or for certain asynchronous instruction.
* [SB 1583](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdny7r0aRDQ-wXXq1gg93c64-lvfoBqua-soSXOOnYxKfX8vwbUdD1BAoEAUUbXX1aOdV9d5KJvbmr-NpTXbmr8nAlah57ygbanTZ36M1RKIFA-tf5HCAgfgY0EjB25vXmakiXqyuRXmBNjz6Y4UWLLHw1IfJ2WAaSN&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books that are used in the public schools of this state.
* [SB 1532](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnpxfGSCysW-OkVdRKL1n74FxtZIS9EjFX4jIBATI9UeDYH_oO1-PWQoRFuFRLcBIXQ1g-ROiXN-jTwfg1uRry_kJCh_sQ3CCJoZD9yUdc9o2lWhkZHrGTc6TJ7C2daU1nDiZwKffNw2wXt-X4flWUYJ-30XhwgSh5RPqFUbKEYChHtYHvW8hSEg==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Directs the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide education plan for students who are asylum seekers, refugees or any other immigrant.
* [SB 1592](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnGKa1GshiD1oQMntZZLzDCJs5Tv-p1cP-F7zyI_5iR5VIa9_to3q0ED9wrv5bvN5AuZ16En6EJZZxp00C6BVX_kmMaV-VL_ACd1lIym-j_zct4SEArjVIv22NeRhdrEVPN4e5irv06NxyF0DyN8018Q==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Allocates moneys from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to certain institutions of higher education to expand the behavioral health workforce in Oregon.
* [SB 1551](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnoPGOk2dKZhDjtbYCNgoIQisxzc5SOY3Iqe8mbx3Hg6zXfXh8vsiX8qIayMB9cHkuHQU6rOBllaum9nq4Ujk5h15Bzz7u0EBpC2GQ3O8lV1dAuUyHMBQMJLdDHhed-ybWmb8egnuKmUyPwj9qiggggQ==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Waives the requirement that an otherwise eligible Oregon Promise grant recipient must have completed high school within six months of enrolling in certain community college courses for those individuals who completed high school or its equivalent in 2020 or 2021.
* [SB 1552](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K5OwLqVBkNAMXVam8mnFJIoeTzWI473pGWqbP1fPTHjM9vJCEvjd2pp8o9714pdnQOpeTpRcexZ-fIKZKG8a-g9UgBujtafopQ4n_TpAc7FSTqgpoeAcY0A-8h_awLBKFjkwAi0Nd7-hXjXbqHax4fGdbQBhTspxfOk1h9RDUIAIh49GQw4AnBLAmkqlCm5rl4aPVUhxF723hY7N-fMbrg==&c=OaI2TqCmc6RPM11rlE7zilylx40A_iVFSzv2haK4uVDO3Cv46X4Eaw==&ch=IIXTK9PyJ_sBxo6zbEyOKtGJLk_dH5scPFHZ2tPO1Woex-3lFk_kcQ==)Establishes a youth advisory council.

**Adriana asked for the brief letters to be sent to her before Monday, February 12, 2024.**

* Heidi Johnson shared her Head Start advocacy experience in Salem

**Question: Do we want to travel to Salem on Monday?**

* Hard to plan in such a short time
* Maybe schedule some time with our representatives in-person or online
* It may hard to get an appointment because it is a short session
  + Consider asking John Lively, Kris, Michelle and Dan about next steps for getting an appointment.
* Letters year-round are of value and can influence change.

**Share outs and discussion:**

* Parent Cafe: Thursday, February 15 Theme is Crisis: Redefining Self-Care in Challenging Times Sign-up link: <https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eG9W1PEPylXRiUm>
  + Many FLC members recommend the Parent Cafes
* Megan and Ollie have a Relief Nursery commercial airing on KMTR.
* Thanks to a grant from the Lane County System of Care, The Arc will host two **FREE respite events** each month to give parents an opportunity to take a break. Parents DO NOT have to be associated with **The Arc Lane County** to take advantage of this respite program; parents simply must have a child (5-13 years) who experiences a disability, mental health or behavioral health concern. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. The Arc will host its other respite event, called the **Kids' Saturday Social, on Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
* <https://brightbytext.org/> Free parenting tips via text
* Adriana is considering a FLC newsletter to consolidate opportunities, and to share out the work the FLC is doing.

**Next meeting: March 14, 2024**