

REDUCE/ELIMINATE SUSPENSION & EXPULSION IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SB 236

\$5.8 MILLION



Raise Up Oregon, our statewide early learning plan, names prevention of suspension and expulsion as a key strategy to ensure young children are supported to reach their full potential. SB 236 is an action step towards this strategy.

National research concludes preschool has the highest suspension and expulsion rates of any age, and Black children, Native children, and children with disabilities are disproportionately impacted. Many of these children are expelled repeatedly from program after program, and miss out on the benefits of consistent early learning.

SB 236 challenges this cycle and seeks to marshal robust coaching and support for early care educators to have the tools to better serve all children in their programs.

WITH SB 236, OREGON CAN MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE BY:

- clearly defining suspension and expulsion
- collecting data for accountability and improvement
- supporting early childhood educators to build the skills that allow all children to thrive, such as anti-bias training and infant-toddler-early childhood mental health consultation
- ending suspension and expulsion by July 1, 2026



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