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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Eide, Brown, Fraser, Prentice and Kline

Brief Description: Establishing a wage ladder for child care workers.

SB 6595 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to increase wages to child care workers through establishing a wage ladder that provides increased wages for child care workers based on their work experience, level of responsibility, and education.

Requires the division of child care and early learning in the department of social and health services to establish further program standards by rule. The division of child care and early learning shall also study the impact of the wage ladder on the quality of child care and the child care work force, and report its findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005.

Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the department of social and health services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of this act.