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Call for nominations

Governor's Early Learning Council

Deadline for application: 11 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011

The legislature has passed and Governor Kitzhaber has signed Senate Bill 909-B, which creates the Early Learning Council and the Oregon Education Investment Board.

The council is established for the purpose of assisting the Oregon Education Investment Board in overseeing a unified system of early childhood services, including the funding and administration of those services. Membership of the Council as defined in statute:

The council consists of nine members who are appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

When determining who to appoint to the council, the Governor shall:

- (A) Ensure that at least one of the members is an appointed member of the Oregon Education Investment Board;
- (B) Ensure that each congressional district of this state is represented by at least one member of the council;
- (C) For a member who is not an appointed member of the Oregon Education Investment Board, ensure that the member meets the following qualifications:
 - (i) Demonstrates leadership skills in civics or the member's profession;
 - (ii) To the greatest extent practicable, contributes to the council's representation of the geographic, ethnic, gender, racial and economic diversity of this state; and
 - (iii) Contributes to the council's expertise, knowledge and experience in early childhood development, early childhood care, early childhood education, family financial stability, populations disproportionately burdened by poor education outcomes and outcome-based best practices;
- (D) Solicit recommendations from the Speaker of the House of Representatives for at least two members and from the President of the Senate for at least two members.

Additional Criteria

The Early Learning Council is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. In addition to statutory criteria listed above and in order to establish a Council that best represents the interests of Oregon, nominees must:

1. Be citizens of the United States and residents of Oregon.
2. Have the ability and will to provide strong leadership, to focus not on institutions, programs, or constituencies but on outcomes, and to offer innovative thinking.
3. Collectively offer expertise in education, health and human services, finance/investment, change management, outcome and evidence-based practices, and communication.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to achievement of the Governor's Early Learning policy objectives as embodied in SB 909-A.

Policy documents related to SB 909-B and the Governor's Early Learning policy objectives can be found

here: [http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/OEIT/OregonEducationInvestmentTeam.shtml#Early Learning](http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/OEIT/OregonEducationInvestmentTeam.shtml#EarlyLearning)

Initial Work plan: Members of the Early Learning Council will be expected to focus on providing recommendations to the Oregon Education Investment Board for the implementation of SB 909-B.

Boards and Commissions website: <http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml>

Interest form: <http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/pdf/forms/Interestformdown.pdf>