

Written Testimony in the House Early Childhood Education Finance and Policy Committee

In Support of HF 1278

We the undersigned pediatricians, family physicians, early childhood educators strongly support HF 1278, providing affordable parental enrichment and access to quality child care and early preschool education. HF 1278 also creates a task force with a goal limiting a family's costs for early childhood programs to no more than 7% of income by 2031. Further, the necessary wages for workers in the QCC and Early Education (parent and child) field and the goal of no more than 7% of income will be reconciled to accomplish both objectives. In addition, steps will be outlined so workers in the field can enhance their skills and advance in their positions.

We the undersigned believe strongly in the necessity for this Committee and the Legislature to act on behalf of our youngest citizens by passing HF 1278 creating a path to affordable early childhood education, quality childcare, and community education through the creation of a widely representative task force to make recommendations about how this goal may be accomplished.

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