

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2107
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
January 13, 2025

Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Carmen Traeholt, Early Childhood Services Licensing Administrator with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2107, which was introduced by Senator Beard, and request an amendment for a delayed effective date of April 1, 2026, to allow the Department to stand up the technology changes necessary to track training for staff in a new way.

The Department-approved training a child care license applicant completes after submitting the licensing fees and application currently counts toward the annual licensing requirements for the following year. This amendment would also allow the Department to count training the same way for staff members.

House Bill No. 1119, which was pre-filed by the Department, proposes a new section in chapter 50-11.1 (Section 10) to decouple training and licensing calendars which would simplify the way training is tracked, eliminating a black out period so all applicants and staff get credit for training completed at any time during the calendar year. We believe the changes proposed in House Bill No. 1119 would address the issues addressed in Senate Bill No. 2107.

To implement Senate Bill No. 2107, the Department would need to modify the technology system that is used to track training for licensing

renewal. Because we would need time to modify the system to appropriately track training for staff in a new way, the Department requests that the Committee consider an amendment to Senate Bill No. 2107 to include a delayed effective date of April 1, 2026.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.