E2SSB 5237 (Child Care/Early Learning Exp.)

1. Purpose:

Funds were used for travel (pre-pandemic) and the time/effort for the Director of Early Learning and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)-619 Coordinator, representing IDEA, Part, B, and early learning programs funded by local districts, to participate in the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) meetings set throughout the fiscal year facilitated by Department of Children, Youth, and Family appointed staff.

2. Description of services provided:

OSPI Early Learning (EL) and ECSE representatives engaged with DCYF staff throughout the fiscal year, offering agency updates, as well as attending executive council and public council meetings. The EL and ECSE divisions at OSPI ensured representation was in attendance to support conversations relevant to transitional kindergarten, special education service delivery, and cross agency collaboration.

3. Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:

N/A

Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:

Number of School Districts: N/A
Number of Schools: N/A
Number of Students: N/A
Number of Educators: N/A
Other: N/A

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?

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5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2023	\$16,000	\$16,000
2022	\$16,000	\$10,616

- 6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:
- 7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

8. Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:

OSPI's participation in the ELAC convenings has allowed for intentional collaboration with early learning providers across Washington state. Topics included special education service delivery of children participating in child care, ECEAP, Head Start, and Tribal early learning programs, as well as opportunities to support conversations related to transitional kindergarten and coordinated recruitment and enrollment.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

No challenges were faced throughout this time, as in person convening were shifted to virtual connections and accommodated health and safety regulations. The proviso as executed as planned, and engagement of OSPI's EL And ECSE representatives was consistent.

10. Future opportunities:

Continued participation in the ELAC convenings is expected with maintained representation of both EL and ECSE representatives to ensure cross sector partnering within the scope of work prioritized by the ELAC executive council.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$16,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$16,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5237 (child care & early dev. exp.).

12. Other relevant information:

N/A

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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