

Early Childhood 2017 Session Items to Track:

Governor's Budget:

PL – 2101 – Child Care Federal Authority

This present law adjustment is made to maintain existing services for the Child Care Development Fund program and is necessary to fund the CCDF Reauthorization Act of 2014.

Amount Proposed:	FY 2018	\$5,900,273 (Federal)
	FY 2019	\$5,967,949 (Federal)

Public hearing completed. No Executive Action Taken in Budget Subcommittee as of 2/5/17

NP – 2202 – Child Care STARS to Quality

This proposal requests \$1,200,000 of general fund each year of the biennium for the Best Beginnings STARS to Quality Program.

Amount Proposed:	FY 2018	\$1,200,000 (State)
	FY 2019	\$1,200,000 (State)

Public hearing completed. No Executive Action Taken in Budget Subcommittee as of 2/5/17

NP – 24151 – Early Childhood Education

This proposal requests \$12,000,000 to provide early education for 4-year old in Montana and is contingent upon passing legislation too.

Amount Proposed:	FY 2018	\$6,000,000
	FY 2019	\$6,000,000

Waiting for draft legislation to be proposed. Moved to OPI budget.

Other Legislation:

LC 350 – Draft delivered to Rep. Eck on 2/3/17. Not yet available online but appears to be moving closer to being introduced soon.

*** Also watch LC 1081 – Rep. Dudik – The draft went to Rep. Dudik on 1/25/17.

Primary Seatbelt Legislation:

- SB 9 – **Tabled in Committee (Senate Judiciary)**

Earned Income Tax Credit

- LC 156 – Rep. Jacobson from Great Falls – Draft delivered to requestor. Copy of bill attached to e-mail.

- LC 899 – Hearing took place on 2/2 in Senate Taxation. No executive action has been taken on the bill since the hearing.