

Good afternoon,

Following up from Wednesday's testimony with the House Human Services Committee.

- Rep Noyes asked about the proposed foster care rates. I have attached the proposed 5% increase foster care rates and the current 2022 rates.
- Rep. Brumsted asked for more information about the Tax Department's child care tax credit proposals. The Tax Department testified in House Committee on Ways and Means with a short presentation on their tax proposals, [linked here](#). I connected with Commissioner Bolio, he confirmed that the tax credits (Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and Child Care Worker Tax Credit) would be in effect calendar year 2022 and received during tax filing in spring 2023.
- Rep. Small requested information on the number of Reach Up families using subsidized housing vouchers. Forty percent of the families in Reach Up have subsidized housing vouchers. Many of these same families are also part of the RUERA program, which helps cover housing costs that are not covered by a subsidized housing voucher. You can learn more information on the RUERA program in our [Annual Reach Up Report](#), page 4.

Please let me know if you have any other follow up questions.

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