



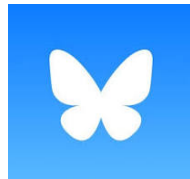
Powering Growth:

The Economic Benefits of \$10-A-Day ELCC

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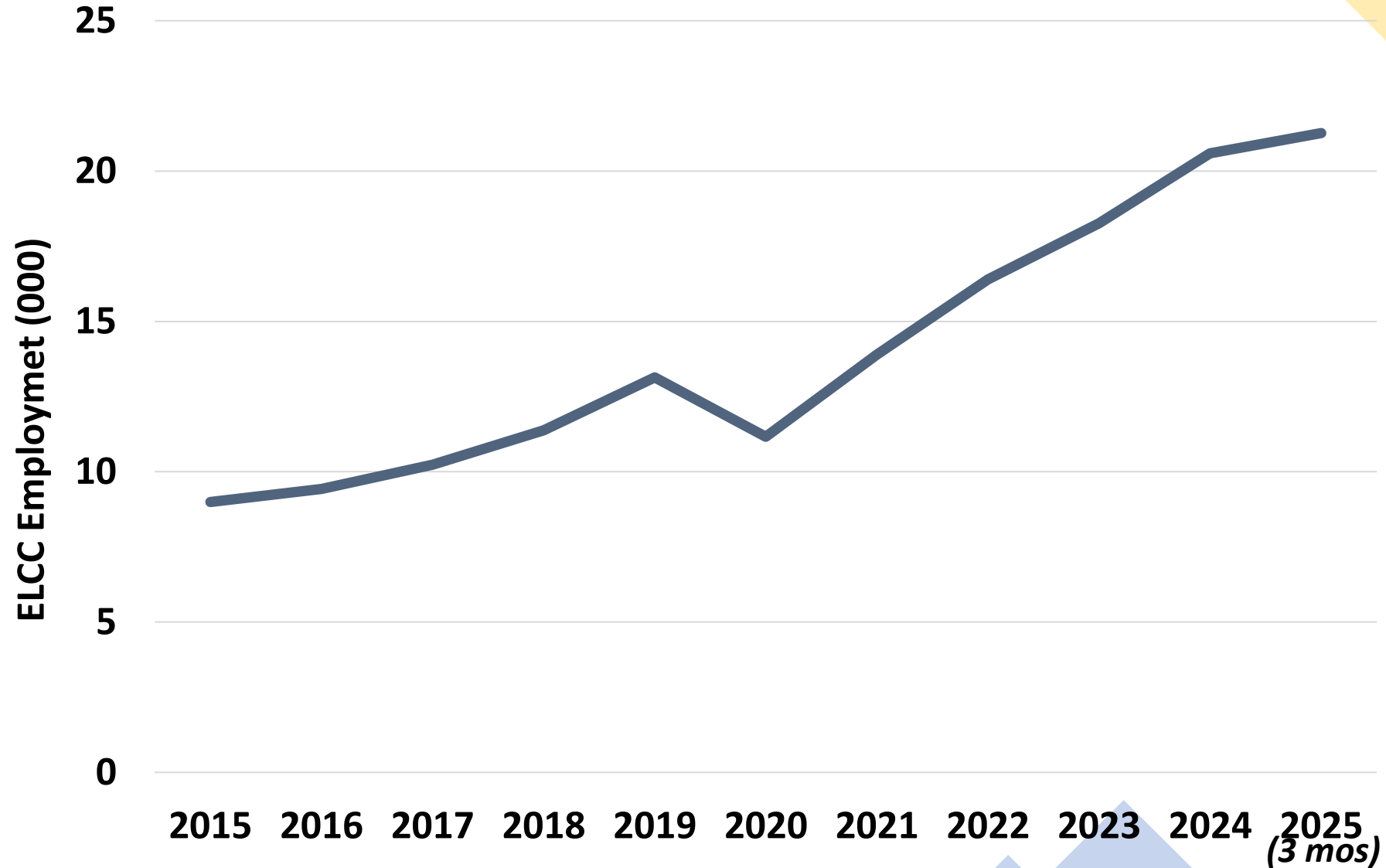
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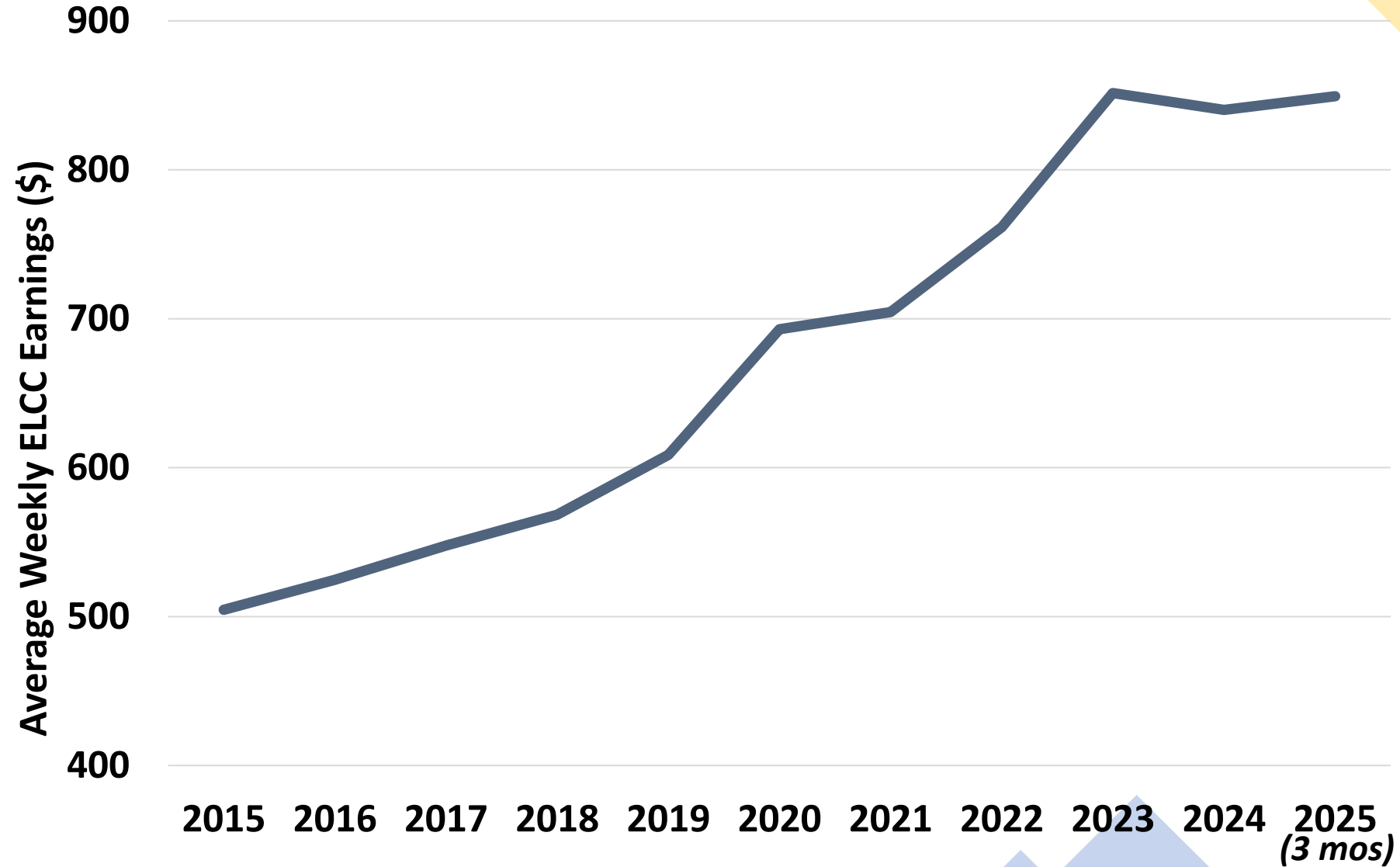
Overview

- Economists have long acknowledged the broad economic benefits of universal high-quality ELCC:
 - Direct economic footprint of ELCC delivery
 - Labour force participation of parents (esp. women)
 - Long-run gains from enhanced learning, working capacity
- Our November 2020 Report: Simulated the benefits of a hypothetical universal Norway-style plan
- Now: We can see (and measure) the emerging benefits of a real plan!
- June 2025 report broke down the benefits for B.C.
- Those benefits are visible, large, and consistent with theory

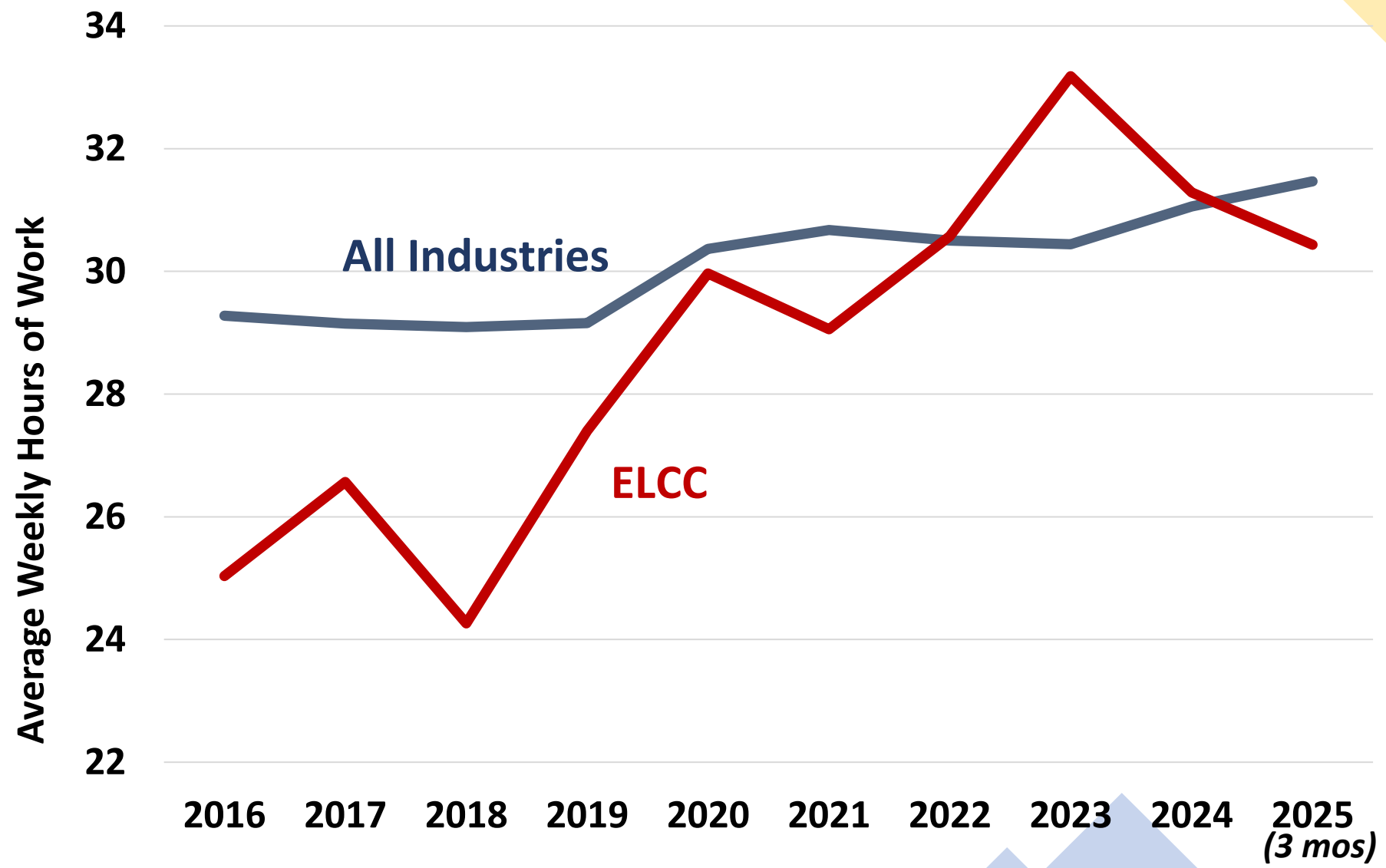
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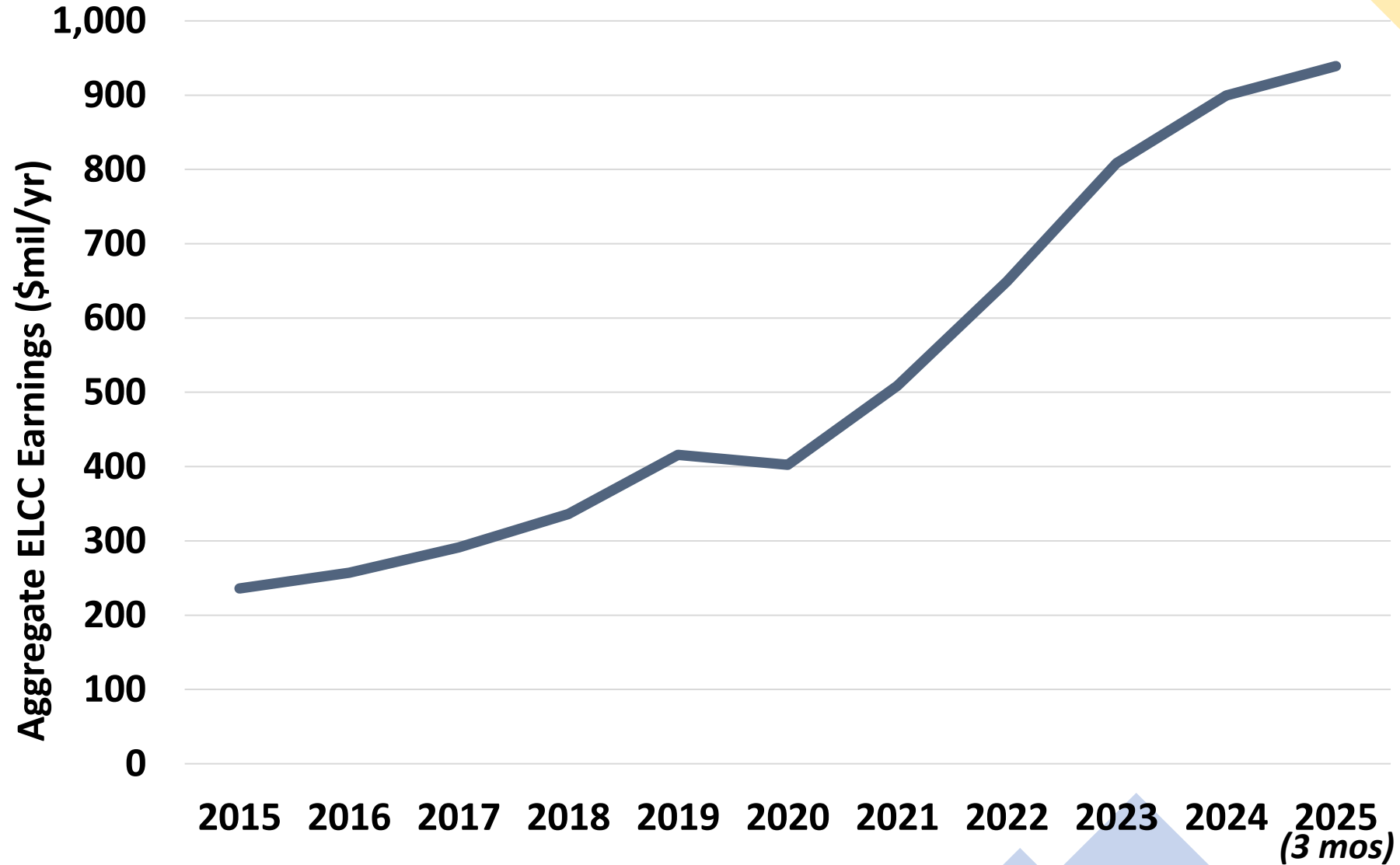
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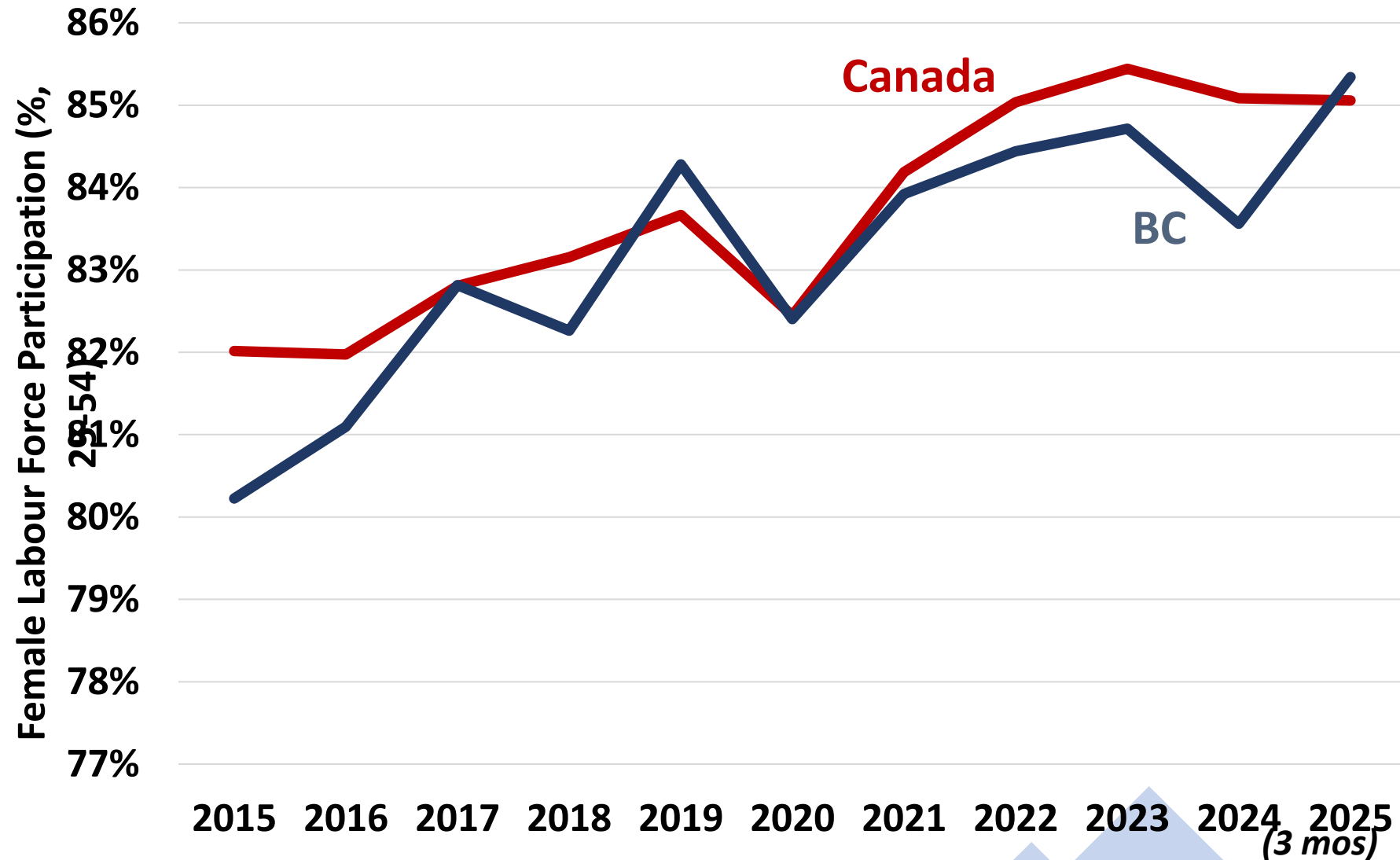
Hours of Work



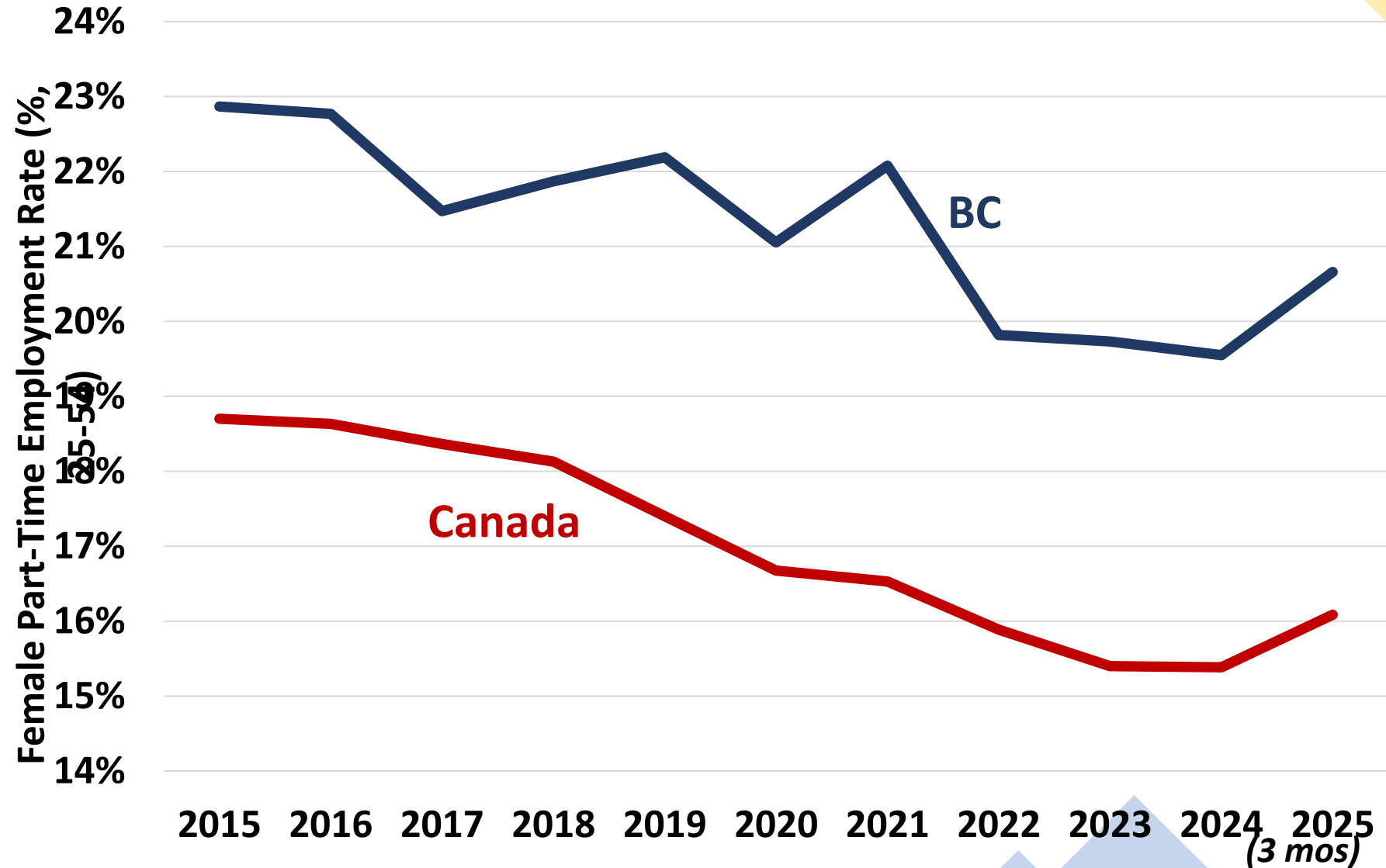
Aggregate ELCC Earnings



Female Labour Force Participation



Female Part-Time Incidence



Benefits for GDP Growth

Table 2			
GDP Gains from ELCC Expansion 2019-2024			
Component	Canada (\$b)	Estimated B.C. Share (%)	B.C. Gain (\$b)
Direct ELCC Production	\$4.3	14.6%	\$0.6
Induced and Indirect Activity	\$4.2	17.8%	\$0.7
Female Labour Supply	\$24.1	18.5%	\$4.5
Total Impact	\$32.6	17.9%	\$5.8
Source: Calculations as described in text.			

Don't Stop Now!!!

- B.C.'s fiscal commitment to the national plan is inadequate.
- B.C. is too reliant on private ELCC centres.
- Result: access to affordable spaces is very unequal, creating an unsustainable political dynamic.
- Action needed:
 - Expanded funding.
 - Unifor fee structure.
 - Support for ELCC workers: wages, job training, job quality.
 - Address child care deserts.

Conclusion & Policy Implications

- After four years of progress, significant economic benefits from \$10-a-day program are visible.
- More benefits will become visible as the program continues to expand, and longer-run impacts (including on learning capacities of ELCC graduates) are felt.
- Key challenges are to accelerate supply of new spaces, improve ELCC conditions & develop workforce, and solidify political support for continued implementation.



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