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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Athena Jiménez-Manalo, Dual Language & Multilingual Learning Manager

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 22-22-099 on November 2, 2022:

Amended WAC 110-15-0210

REASON FOR ADOPTION: Amendments to WAC 110-15-0210 implement Chapter 199 § 305 Laws of 2021 by establishing a dual language designation and providing for subsidy rate enhancements or site-specific grants for licensed or certified child care providers and ECEAP or Birth-to-Three ECEAP contractors who are given the dual language designation.

CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

DCYF received these comments in support of the proposals:

I'm writing to express my support for a dual language designation and an associated subsidy rate enhancement. We put a lot of effort and financial resources into serving dual language learners, and a subsidy rate enhancement would be very helpful to continue serving these children and families.

DLE programs are vital to our communities, and it's imperative we honor those programs with increased rates and resources.

This document also serves as the summary of public hearing comments to the agency head required under RCW 34.05.325(4).

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator