



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 110-425-0030 Definitions, WAC 110-425-0080 Children eligible for enrollment, and other related rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.216.505, RCW 43.216.512, RCW 43.216.5052, and Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5237 (E2SSB 5237), Chapter 199, 2021 Laws.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Fair Start for Kids Act (E2SSB 5237) directs DCYF to establish a definition of an Indian child that will be used for Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) enrollment. The definition will include federally and non-federally recognized Tribal members and increase clarity around which children are eligible for enrollment as an Indian child into ECEAP programming. The definition needs to be in rule by July 1, 2024.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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