



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 110-148 WAC -- Licensing requirement for Child Foster Homes and other related rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.15.020; Chapter 43.216 RCW.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Licensing Division of DCYF is revising Chapter 110-148 WAC to remove child-specific items to accommodate a new WAC chapter that will outline the licensing standards for kinship caregivers. This will allow for DCYF to issue child-specific licenses to kinship caregivers and eliminate the need to use non-safety exemptions and waivers. This will reduce barriers and create better equity for kinship caregivers trying to become licensed. These updates will also provide greater stability and outcomes for children entering foster care.

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

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking process including, but not limited to, partnering with sovereign tribal nations.

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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