



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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

Subject of possible rule making: The DCYF Licensing Division will be amending WAC [110-300-0358](#) Capacity Waiver for Family Home Providers and other related rules. The WAC revisions will allow DCYF to:

- Revise waivers related to capacity.
- Limit issuing waivers to providers with exceptional licensing history.
- Require better coordination between DCYF, childcare providers and local building authorities.
- Revise requirements for emergency preparedness.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW [43.216.692](#).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The language of the WAC is being amended to resolve health and safety concerns that have been identified by childcare licensing staff, as well as a workgroup of representatives from local building and fire officials.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: State and local building and fire officials

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

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


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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