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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Todd Wollen
SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (RCW 34.05.325)
For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR #26-19-143 on September 23, 2026:

New:

- 110-50-1193 Assessing eligibility for unearned income.
- 110-50-1195 Applying for Social Security benefits.
- 110-50-1215 Termination of the department's custody or representative payee status.
- 110-50-1225 Responsibilities of new representative payees to the SSA.
- 110-50-1235 Final transfer of funds and accounting.

Amended:

- 110-50-1170 Legal basis.
- 110-50-1180 Purpose.
- 110-50-1190 Definitions.
- 110-50-1200 Department responsibilities when unearned income is received.
- 110-50-1210 EFC youth receiving Social Security benefits.

REASON FOR ADOPTION:

The Financial and Business Services Division created new and amended existing WACs in Chapter 110-50 Managing and Using Unearned Income and Resources for Foster Children and Youth to comply with Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5911.

Beginning January 1, 2027, SSB 5911 requires DCYF to:

- Not apply any benefits, payments, funds or accruals paid to, or on behalf of, individuals in extended foster care (EFC) as reimbursement for their cost of care.
- Assist individuals participating in EFC to:
    - Set up an appropriate financial account to receive their benefits.
    - Determine whether they can manage it independently or need help.
    - Become and remain their own Social Security payee when possible.
    - Identify suitable authorized representative payees when EFC youth need assistance managing their benefits.

- If suitable authorized representative payees are not identified, DCYF may manage their funds according to the SSA rules.

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WAC 110-50-1200 Department responsibilities when unearned income is received.

- (2)(b)(i) The sentence now reads "Resources are held in trust for the benefit of children or youth, or distributed to children or youth, by a tribal government or Bureau of Trust Funds Administration;"

COMMENTS:

DCYF considers all comments received. Actions taken in response to the comments or the reason no action was taken will follow the summary of comments received.

SUMMARY OF COMMENT RECEIVED:

1. Commentor reported "Tribal" was capitalized in one instance, while other references to "tribal" were not.
   - **Action taken**. DCYF revised WAC 110-50-1200 (2)(b)(i) by removing the capitalization of "tribal" to ensure consistency with usage throughout this chapter.

cc: DCYF Rules Coordinator