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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Judy Bunkelman, Child Care Licensing Administrator

SUBJECT: CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (*RCW 34.05.325*)

For rules proposed under notice filed as WSR 22-12-069 on May 12, 2022:

Amended WAC 110-300-0221.

REASON FOR ADOPTION: Preventing individuals not affiliated with an early learning program and not on its premises from viewing its diaper changing area. More specifically, early learning providers must cover, or otherwise obscure, any windows through which individuals on the public right of way could view the program's diaper changing area so that they are not able to view undressed, or partially undressed, infants and toddlers during diaper changes. Providers working in programs housed in buildings with occupants offering other services must prevent visibility of their diaper changing areas for people in the building not affiliated with their programs and not entering the licensed space.

CHANGES MADE SINCE THE RULE WAS PROPOSED: None.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED	THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED ALL THE COMMENTS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS, OR THE REASONS NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN, FOLLOW.
It seems that bad things can happen behind closed doors. it would be safer for staff to use modesty or move changing area away from doorway than to allow staff to be with a child, hidden behind a curtained area.	A provider may choose to move a diaper changing area away from a window instead of covering the window. In cases where a window is covered to prevent individuals outside from seeing in, the diaper changing area does not need to be screened from individuals who are in the licensed space. No change made to the final rule.

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