## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**
*(Implements RCW 34.05.310)*

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

### Agency:
Department of Children, Youth, and Families

### Subject of possible rule making:
Foster care and child care licensing, to include child-specific foster care licenses, outdoor nature-based child care licenses, the department's internal review process for child care licensing, child care licensing fees, and background check applications for child cares.

### Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCWs 43.216.055, 43.216.065, and 43.216.250; chapter 304, Laws of 2021

### Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
Rules are necessary to implement chapter 304, Laws of 2021, which authorizes the department to issue child-specific foster care licenses and license outdoor nature-based child cares, places a time-specific moratorium on the department's collection of child care licensing fees, requires background check applications to be uploaded to the department's online workforce registry (MERIT), and modifies the department's internal child care review process.

### 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
- [x] 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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### Additional comments:

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