



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.320) Do NOT use for expedited rule making

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WSR 17-24-081

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration

- Original Notice**
- Supplemental Notice to WSR** \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuance of WSR** \_\_\_\_\_

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 17-21-103 ; or**
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_ ; or**
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**
- Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-06A-0110 "Who must have background checks?".

**Hearing location(s):**

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
January 9, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Office Building 2 DSHS Headquarters 1115 Washington Olympia, WA 98504	Public parking at 11 <sup>th</sup> and Jefferson. A map is available at: <a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/rules-and-policies-assistance-unit/driving-directions-office-bldg-2">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/rules-and-policies-assistance-unit/driving-directions-office-bldg-2</a>

**Date of intended adoption:** Not earlier than January 10, 2018 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

**Submit written comments to:**

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**Assistance for persons with disabilities:**

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 By (date) December 26, 2017

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-06A-0110 "Who must have background checks?" to align with changes to RCW 74.15.030 and RCW 43.43.832, which allow the department to complete background checks on individuals younger than sixteen years old when it is warranted to ensure the safety of children in foster care. Additional edits are being made to clarify the language.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** To ensure these WAC sections align with RCW 74.15.030 and RCW 43.43.832.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.15.030, RCW 43.43.832

**Statute being implemented:** RCW 74.15.030, RCW 43.43.832

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** None

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Social and Health Services

<input type="checkbox"/> Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?**  Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
TTY:  
Email:  
Other:

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:  
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Other:

No: Please explain: This amendment is exempt as allowed under RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(iii) which states in part "This section does not apply to...rules adopting or incorporating by reference without material change...Washington state statutes



**Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:**

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)<br>(Internal government operations) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)<br>(Dictated by statute)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)<br>(Incorporation by reference)     | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)<br>(Set or adjust fees)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)<br>(Correct or clarify language)    | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)<br>((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_.

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary:

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES**

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

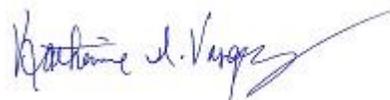
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**Date:** November 30, 2017

**Name:** Katherine I. Vasquez

**Title:** DSHS Rules Coordinator

**Signature:**



**WAC 388-06A-0110 Who must have background checks? (1) ((Per))**

Under RCW 74.15.030, prior to authorizing unsupervised access to children, the department requires background checks on all providers who may have unsupervised access to children. This includes licensed, certified, or contracted providers, their current or prospective employees and prospective adoptive parents as defined in RCW 26.33.020.

(2) ((Per)) Under RCW 74.15.030, prior to authorizing unsupervised access to children, the department also requires background checks on other individuals who may have unsupervised access to children in department licensed or contracted homes, or facilities ~~((which))~~ that provide care. The department requires background checks on all of the following people:

(a) A volunteer or intern with regular or unsupervised access to children ~~((+))~~.

(b) Any person who regularly has unsupervised access to a child. However, a background check is not required when a caregiver approves the unsupervised access for a normal childhood activity that lasts less than seventy-two hours, ~~((per))~~ as stated in RCW 74.13.710 ~~((+))~~.

(c) A relative other than a parent who may be caring for a child ~~((+and))~~.

(d) A person who is at least sixteen years old and resides in a foster, relative, or other suitable person's home and is not a foster child.

(e) A person who is younger than sixteen years old in situations where it may be warranted to ensure the safety of children in out-of-home care. The department may require a background check for persons younger than sixteen years old in situations where it may be warranted to ensure the safety of children in out-of-home care.

(3) ((Per)) Under RCW 13.34.138, prior to returning a dependent child home, the department requires a background check on all adults residing in the home.