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**Early Learning & Human Services  
Committee**

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**HB 1547**

**Brief Description:** Concerning entities that provide recreational or educational programming for school-aged children.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Walsh, Kagi, Freeman, Fey, Zeiger, Ryu, Morrell, Roberts, Moscoso and Santos.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Establishes that certain recreational or educational programs are not agencies that require licensure.

**Hearing Date:** 2/15/13

**Staff:** Lindsay Lanham (786-7120).

**Background:**

The Department of Early Learning oversees licensing for child care and early learning programs. Licensing rules or standards are outlined in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Currently, licensing requirements specific to recreational or educational programs utilizing a drop-in model are not included in statute or agency rules.

**Summary of Bill:**

An entity is not an agency that requires licensure if the entity provides recreational or educational programming for school-age children and meets the following requirements:

- the entity utilizes a drop in model for programming, where children are able to attend during any or all program hours without a formal reservation;
- the entity does not assume responsibility in lieu of the parent, unless for coordinated transportation;

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- the entity is a local affiliate of a national non-profit; and
- the entity is in compliance with all safety and quality standards set by the associated national agency.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.