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Sponsor(s): Representatives Lambert, Cooke, McMorris, Stevens, Johnson, Sherstad, Pennington and Silver

Brief Description: Providing for registration of child day-care facilities.

**HB 2516 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent of the legislature to establish a tiered system of day-care services that provides parents improved access to a greater range of acceptable services, at more competitive day-care arrangements, and within a more realistic and flexible regulatory environment. This tiered system recognizes: (1) The licensure of child day-care centers for assuring the maintenance of high day-care standards;

(2) family day-care providers; and

(3) neighbors and friends to provide other options for day-care services to parents and guardians exercising informed choices.

Establishes a register for family day-care providers that are not licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW.

Designates the approved services which the family day-care providers can provide.

Directs DSHS to monitor the providers for child health and safety risks for a report by January 1, 1997.