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By Senators Kauffman, Keiser, and Ranker

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1 AN ACT Relating to a quality rating and improvement system; and
2 amending RCW 43.215.100.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.100 and 2007 c 394 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
7 specific purpose, the department, in collaboration with community and
8 statewide partners, including the nongovernmental private-public
9 partnership created in RCW 43.215.070, shall implement a unified
10 statewide voluntary quality rating and improvement system applicable to
11 licensed or certified child care centers and homes and early education
12 programs. The purpose of the voluntary quality rating and improvement
13 system is to give parents clear and easily accessible information about
14 the quality of child care and early education programs, support
15 improvement in early learning programs throughout the state, increase
16 the readiness of children for school, and close the disparity in access
17 to quality care. Before final implementation of ((the)) a single
18 statewide voluntary quality rating and improvement system, the

1 department shall report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees
2 of the legislature. Nothing in this section changes the department's
3 responsibility to collectively bargain over mandatory subjects.

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