# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

# BILL ANALYSIS

## **State Government Committee**

## **HB 2133**

**Brief Description**: Exempting the addresses of certain child care providers from the public records act.

**Sponsors**: Representative S. Hunt.

## **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Exempts from public disclosure the addresses of child care facilities and the home address of child care providers who are exempt from licensing.

Hearing Date: 2/18/15

**Staff**: Sean Flynn (786-7124).

#### Background:

The Public Records Act (PRA) requires state and local agencies to make their written records available to the public for inspection and copying upon request, unless the information fits into one of the various specific exemptions. The stated policy of the PRA favors disclosure and requires narrow application of the listed exemptions.

An exemption is provided for records maintained by the Department of Early Learning regarding the personal information of children enrolled in licensed child care. An exemption also applies to children enrolled in public or nonprofit youth program, such as early learning or child care services, parks and recreation programs, youth development programs, and after-school programs. These exemptions do not prohibit an agency from providing emergency contact information to appropriate authorities or medical personnel for treatment purposes in an emergency situation.

### **Summary of Bill:**

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The personal information related to child care enrollees that is exempt from disclosure includes, the street address of child care facilities and the home address of a child care provider who is exempt from licensing by the Department of Early Learning.

**Appropriation**: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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