

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2505**

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ADULT FAMILY HOMES—FORMER FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 18, 2026 10:02 AM

BOB FERGUSON

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2505** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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March 19, 2026

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Eslick, Dent, Reeves, Leavitt, and Fosse; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/26.

1            AN ACT Relating to exempting certain former foster care providers  
2 from adult family home licensure; and amending RCW 70.128.030.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.030 and 2025 c 108 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The following residential facilities ~~((shall be))~~ are exempt  
7 from the operation of this chapter:

8            ~~((1))~~ (a) Nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW;

9            ~~((2))~~ (b) Assisted living facilities licensed under chapter  
10 18.20 RCW;

11            ~~((3))~~ (c) Facilities approved and certified under chapter  
12 71A.22 RCW;

13            ~~((4))~~ (d) Residential treatment centers for individuals with  
14 mental illness licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW;

15            ~~((5))~~ (e) Hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW;

16            ~~((6))~~ (f) Homes for individuals with developmental disabilities  
17 licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW; and

18            ~~((7))~~ (g) A medical foster home, as defined in 38 C.F.R. 17.73,  
19 that is under the oversight and annually reviewed by the United  
20 States department of veterans affairs in which care is provided  
21 exclusively to three or fewer veterans, and its caregivers are in

1 compliance with applicable state laws including any required  
2 training, certification, and background checks.

3 (2) The following individuals are exempt from the operation of  
4 this chapter:

5 (a) An individual who has or had an active license to operate as  
6 a foster family home, as defined in RCW 74.15.020, for at least three  
7 years and:

8 (i) Had provided personal care services, as defined in RCW  
9 74.39A.009, for the former foster youth in the individual's care for  
10 at least three years on the date the youth exited foster care;

11 (ii) The only unrelated adults the individual provides personal  
12 care to in the home are the former foster youth or youths in (a)(i)  
13 of this subsection;

14 (iii) Does not have any founded or substantiated findings by  
15 child protective services or final substantiated findings by adult  
16 protective services; and

17 (iv) Is not the subject of a pending or prior adverse licensing  
18 action under RCW 74.15.130 at the time the youth in their care exits  
19 the foster care system; and

20 (b) An individual who is or has previously been approved by the  
21 department of children, youth, and families for a child-specific  
22 license under RCW 74.15.125 and:

23 (i) The only unrelated adults the individual is providing  
24 personal care to in the home are the former foster youth or youths  
25 for whom the individual received the child-specific license;

26 (ii) Does not have any founded or substantiated findings by child  
27 protective services or final substantiated findings by adult  
28 protective services; and

29 (iii) Is not the subject of a pending or prior adverse licensing  
30 action under RCW 74.15.130 at the time the youth in their care exits  
31 the foster care system.

32 (3) The department may establish rules to implement subsection  
33 (2) of this section.

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