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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 1866 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to professional development requirements for child day care centers.”

This bill was intended to delay the effective date of the newly revised Washington Administrative Code (WAC) on general staff qualifications and professional development requirements for early learning professionals in child care centers. I agree with and support this intended purpose. However, the legislation before me would prevent the Department of Children, Youth, and Families from adopting and implementing any changes to professional development requirements until August 1, 2024. As a result, the language of the bill potentially puts Washington in conflict with future federal professional standards that may be required in order to receive federal funds. Therefore, I am vetoing HB 1866, but I am also issuing a formal directive to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to provide center directors and assistant directors with at least 5 years to comply with the new professional development rules in WAC 110-300-0100.

For these reasons I have vetoed House Bill No. 1866 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
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