

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1547

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning entities that provide recreational or educational programming for school-aged children.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Walsh, Kagi, Freeman, Fey, Zeiger, Ryu, Morrell, Roberts, Moscoso and Santos.

**House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services**  
**Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**

**Background:**

The Department of Early Learning oversees licensing for child care and early learning programs. Licensing rules or standards are outlined in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Licensing requirements specific to recreational or educational programs utilizing a drop-in model are not included in statute or agency rules.

**Summary:**

An entity is not an agency that requires licensure if the entity provides recreational or educational programming for school-age children and meets the following requirements:

- the entity utilizes a drop-in model for programming, where children are able to attend during any or all program hours without a formal reservation;
- the entity does not assume responsibility in lieu of the parent, unless for coordinated transportation;
- the entity is a local affiliate of a national nonprofit; and
- the entity is in compliance with all safety and quality standards set by the associated national agency.

Additionally, a provision is removed that exempts an agency in operation for 10 years prior to June 8, 1967, from child care licensing requirements.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)

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House 94 0 (House concurred)

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