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**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1364**

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**By** Representatives Pettigrew, Walsh, Eddy, Springer, Appleton, Goodman, Roberts, Kagi, Kenney, and Santos

Read first time 01/19/11. Referred to Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight.

1       AN ACT Relating to child care center subsidies; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.215 RCW.

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

4       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       The department shall review the subsidy rates currently paid to  
7 child care centers whose average daily population includes more than  
8 fifty percent of children for whom the center receives a state  
9 subsidized rate. No later than December 1, 2011, the department shall  
10 make a recommendation to the appropriate legislative committees whether  
11 the subsidy rates to these child care centers should be increased, and  
12 if so, by how much and for what reasons. In developing its  
13 recommendation, the department must consider the results of the state's  
14 voluntary quality improvement rating system pilot communities and  
15 potential impacts a tiered reimbursement subsidy rate structure linked  
16 to quality indicators would have on the quality of child care in the  
17 state. If the department recommends that subsidy rates for these

1 centers should not be raised, then it shall detail the reasons for its  
2 conclusion.

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