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By Senators Billig, Litzow, Mullet, Rolfes, Hargrove, Angel, Frockt, Kohl-Welles, Ranker, McAuliffe, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to the continuity and stability of child care; and
2 amending RCW 43.215.135.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2013 c 323 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall establish and implement policies in the
7 working connections child care program to promote stability and quality
8 of care for children from low-income households. Policies for the
9 expenditure of funds constituting the working connections child care
10 program must be consistent with the outcome measures defined in RCW
11 74.08A.410 and the standards established in this section intended to
12 promote continuity of care for children.

13 (2) (~~Beginning in fiscal year 2013, authorizations for the working~~
14 ~~connections child care subsidy shall be effective for twelve months~~
15 ~~unless a change in circumstances necessitates reauthorization sooner~~
16 ~~than twelve months. The twelve-month certification applies only if the~~
17 ~~enrollments in the child care subsidy or working connections child care~~
18 ~~program are capped.)) A child is eligible for working connections child~~

1 care for a twelve-month enrollment period and may not be deemed
2 ineligible for any change in circumstance including but not limited to:

3 (a) A change in family composition;

4 (b) A change in a parent's or a caregiver's employment status;

5 (c) A change in a parent's or a caregiver's employment status due
6 to health, maternity or paternity leave, or other family leave
7 condition provided for in chapter 49.78 RCW; or

8 (d) A change in a parent's or a caregiver's income.

9 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
10 specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2013, working connections
11 child care providers shall receive a five percent increase in the
12 subsidy rate for enrolling in level 2 in the early achievers programs.
13 Providers must complete level 2 and advance to level 3 within thirty
14 months in order to maintain this increase.

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