

**WAC 110-300D-0001 Authority.** (1) Chapter 43.216 RCW establishes the department of children, youth, and families' responsibility and authority to set and enforce licensing requirements and standards for licensed child care agencies in Washington state, including the authority to adopt rules to implement chapter 43.216 RCW.

(2) Under RCW 43.216.740(1), the department must establish a pilot project to license outdoor, nature-based early learning and child care programs (the "pilot project") to commence August 31, 2017, and conclude June 30, 2021.

(3) Pursuant to RCW 43.216.740(2), the department shall adopt rules to implement the pilot project and may waive or adapt licensing requirements when necessary to allow for the operation of outdoor pre-schools in Washington state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065, 43.216.740 and chapter 43.216 RCW. WSR 19-07-021, § 110-300D-0001, filed 3/12/19, effective 4/12/19.]