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TO: Interested Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: **Concise Explanatory Statement
Revisions to Chapter 170-01 WAC, Disclosure of Public Records, for
Updates and Corrections.**

RCW [34.05.325](#)(6) requires that when a state agency adopts a permanent rule (known as Washington Administrative Code or WAC), the agency must prepare a “*Concise Explanatory Statement*” (CES). This statement is a public document that summarizes:

- Comments, summarized by category, received at public hearings or in written form on the proposed version of the rule;
- Whether the final rule was changed as a result of the comments; and
- Changes from the proposed to the final version of the rule.

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) sends the Concise Explanatory Statement to everyone who testified at public hearings, sent a written comment, or asks to receive the CES. The CES is also posted on the DEL website (see <http://www.del.wa.gov/laws/development/Default.aspx>, *DEL Rules Under Development*).

This document also serves as the summary of public hearing comments to the agency head required under RCW [34.05.325](#)(4).

I. Background

On July 29, 2015, DEL filed a CR-101 preproposal statement of inquiry, as WSR 15-16-046, opening up WAC chapter 170-01 for rulemaking to update, streamline, and improve efficiencies across all programs it administers.

On February 26, 2016, DEL filed a CR-102 proposed rulemaking order as WSR 16-06-082 to update agency contact information, correct grammatical style and change the definition of “public record” to better align with the Public Records Act.

Public Comment. Public hearings were held on April 5th and 6th, 2016 in Tacoma and Spokane, Washington, respectfully. No one attended or testified at the hearing and no comments were received in writing before the April 7, 2016 comment deadline.

II. Summary of Issues Raised in Public Comments, and DEL’s Responses, Noting if the Proposed Rule was Changed as a Result

A. Public Comments regarding WAC Chapters 170-100.	B. 1. DEL Response; and 2. Was the proposed rule changed as a result of the comment? If yes, how?
No Comments Received.	No Response Required.

III. Changes to the final rule compared to the proposed rule.

No changes were made.