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Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)

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2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) to report on the impact of the overall changes to the Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) and Seattle Preschool Program (SPP), including expansion of slots, broadened Area Median Income (AMI) allowance, voucher program and extended hours. This impact assessment should include actual and projected impact on the following:

- Enrollment rates (e.g., usage of vouchers; any additional applications by newly eligible families; youth enrollment in daycares, preschools, or Head Start programs as a result of additional DEEL support to families, if that information is available)

- Impacts on pricing of care and affordability

- Impacts on waitlists including locations

- Quality of programs

- Any other impacts to existing CCAP and SPP providers

This assessment should also include an analysis of general youth population trends in Seattle impacting projected demand for childcare and preschool services, and how these trends also impact providers.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

DUE DATE: June 1, 2027