

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a) Specific Purpose of the Regulations and Factual Basis for Determination that Regulations Are Necessary

Section 88030(f)

Specific Purpose:

The amendment to this section repeals the requirement for Certified Family Homes (CFH) to conform to both the Small Family Home Regulations and General Licensing Requirements, and adopts the requirement that CFH follow the Foster Family Homes (FFH) Regulations, Chapter 9.5, commencing with Section 89200.

Factual Basis:

This regulatory change is necessary because CFH closely resemble the FFH in the scope of care and supervision provided and type of children served. This change to the regulations will require CFH to conform to the FFH regulations. The recently updated FFH regulations incorporated input from the Children's Residential Regulations Review Workgroup in an effort to provide for the health, safety, and well-being of children, be clear and user-friendly, normalize the lives of children in foster care, and prepare foster youth for adulthood. Therefore, the input and resulting updated FFH regulations should be applied to CFH.

b) Identification of Documents Upon Which Department Is Relying

c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate on local agencies, but not on local school districts. There are no reimbursable state-mandated costs under Section 17500 et seq. of the Government Code, because these regulations only make technical and clarifying changes.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

CDSS must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would lessen any adverse impact on small business.

e) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

CDSS has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.