

**RCW 72.01.010 Powers and duties apply to department of social and health services, department of children, youth, and families, and department of corrections—Joint exercise authorized.** As used in this chapter:

"Department" means the departments of social and health services, children, youth, and families, and corrections; and

"Secretary" means the secretaries of social and health services, children, youth, and families, and corrections.

The powers and duties granted and imposed in this chapter, when applicable, apply to the departments of social and health services, children, youth, and families, and corrections and the secretaries of social and health services, children, youth, and families and corrections, for institutions under their control. A power or duty may be exercised or fulfilled jointly if joint action is more efficient, as determined by the secretaries. [2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 726; 1981 c 136 s 66; 1979 c 141 s 142; 1970 ex.s. c 18 s 56; 1959 c 28 s 72.01.010. Prior: 1907 c 166 s 10; RRS s 10919. Formerly RCW 72.04.010.]

**Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 ss 601-631, 701-728, and 804:** See note following RCW 13.04.011.

**Conflict with federal requirements—2017 3rd sp.s. c 6:** See RCW 43.216.908.

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