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In accordance with RCW 28B.19.050(3) and RCW 34.04.040(3) there is submitted herewith the biennial report of the Code Reviser relating to the filing of rules and regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and the Higher Education Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 28B.19 RCW). This report covers the period from December 31, 1972, through December 31, 1974.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. White".

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Code Reviser

With the publication of Supplement 13, the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) consists of 19 volumes and contains approximately 16,150 pages. From December 31, 1972, through December 31, 1974 the Reviser's office accepted 2,409 filings consisting of some 10,939 pages of permanent and emergency rules, including new material and agency orders. Notices of intention to adopt, amend, or repeal rules totaled 1,230.

The following table summarizes the growth of the WAC since the first publication in 1962.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VOLUMES</u>	<u>PAGES</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENT INTERVAL</u>
11/1/62	1	850		
8/1/63	2	1,700	850	9 months
6/24/64	3	2,550	850	11 "
11/1/65	5	4,250	1700	16 "
1/1/66	6	5,100	850	12 "
10/15/67	7	5,950	850	11 "
7/2/68	9	7,650	1700	9 "
5/1/70	11	9,350	1700	22 "
5/1/72	13	11,050	1700	24 "
12/31/72	14	11,900	850	8 "
6/1/73	16	13,600	1700	5 "
12/31/73	18	15,300	1700	8 "
12/1/74	19	16,150	850	11 "

The current supplement, number 13, has cut-off dates ranging from 7/1/74 in the low numbered titles through 12/16/74 in the later titles in order that recently filed extensive amendments and additions by the Department of Labor and Industries and the division of Public Assistance could be incorporated into the supplement. The Department of Labor and Industries alone has rules filling four volumes of the WAC and, in addition, has many rules exempted from publication because of their bulk and general accessibility in other publications. Such rules consist largely of federal safety standards adopted by reference.

The passage of Initiative 276 (chapter 42.17 RCW) at the November 1972, general election contained requirements relating to public records. Each state agency was required by RCW 42.17.250 to adopt rules describing its organization and procedures to aid the public in dealing with state agencies. Most agencies, including the Reviser's office have adopted such rules as either chapter 06 of their title or another low numbered chapter to keep such rules in close proximity to related subject matter. A few agencies have chosen to place such rules in a chapter 276 within their title.

In addition to the adoption of public records rules, the Reviser's office also recently amended chapters 1-12 and 1-13 WAC to set forth more completely the procedures agencies should follow in the drafting and filing of notices and rules. No substantive changes in procedure were made; most amendments were for purposes of clarification. The filing and transmittal forms were revised to include necessary information and to aid the press and the public in determining the time and location of hearings on proposed rules.