

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1924

Creating requirements for administrative rule changes.

Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

Detailed requirements for state agencies to adopt rules. Some agencies are subject to greater requirements than those adopted in legislation. Any other agency may have these greater requirements applied to it by action of the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee.

Some rules may be adopted using an expedited adoption procedure.

Emergency rules may be adopted using abbreviated procedures. Emergency rules remain in effect for no longer than 20 days after they are filed.

Each agency must complete a small business economic impact statement explaining the statement was not prepared whenever rules are adopted.

SUMMARY:

An agency that adopts rules imposing additional requirements on businesses, the violation of which subjects persons to a penalty or assessment, administrative in nature, must make a good faith effort to notify businesses affected by the rule with 20 days of the effective date of the rules.

Good faith effort means either:

- o Notify businesses in the standard industrial classification areas identified in the rule-making process by the rule that are registered with the Department of Revenue.

- o Notification of those persons or firms holding a license registration permit, the additional requirements apply to such persons or firms.

Notification may be made by individual agency bulletins, newsletters or other means that will reasonably inform the affected businesses. Failure to notify specific businesses shall not invalidate or waive the requirement to comply with the rule.

FISCANOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session which bill passed.