

WSR 24-12-007
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed May 23, 2024, 9:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 181-78A WAC, preparation program approval standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The typographical error in this WAC will be updated, which will be in alignment with the professional educator standards board's decision.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Nguyen, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-489-4471, email rulespesb@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

May 23, 2024
Michael Nguyen
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-009
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed May 23, 2024, 12:59 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 181-85 WAC, continuing education requirements for professional certification.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: WAC amendment needed to comply with recent state legislation regarding continuing education requirements for educators.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Nguyen, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-489-4471, email rulespesb@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

May 23, 2024
Michael Nguyen
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-017
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Developmental Disabilities Administration)
[Filed May 24, 2024, 10:55 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapters 388-829R, 388-829Z, and 388-847 WAC; and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The developmental disabilities administration (DDA) is planning to amend sections from chapters 388-829R, 388-829Z, and 388-847 WAC to align with new certification rules under development by DDA. During the course of this review, the department of social and health services (DSHS) may make additional changes that are necessary to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Chantelle Diaz, DDA, P.O. Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310, phone 360-790-4732, fax 360-407-0955, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email chantelle.diaz@dshs.wa.gov.

May 23, 2024
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-024
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed May 24, 2024, 3:08 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to adopt chapter 388-487 WAC, SUN Bucks, to include WAC 388-487-0010 What is the sun bucks program?, 388-487-0020 Is my child eligible for sun bucks?, and 388-487-0030 General information about sun bucks benefits.

If applicable, these amendments will make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations and create or amend other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned rules will support implementation of the summer EBT program, known as SUN bucks. SUN bucks was authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (H.R. 2617) and provides additional food benefits to certain eligible children for a designated summer period following the 2023-24 school year.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Troy Burgess, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-4570, phone 360-584-5162, email troy.burgess@dshs.wa.gov.

May 24, 2024
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-031

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE

[Filed May 29, 2024, 10:43 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Columbia Basin College's rules that pertain to areas for gathering under the facility use for first amendment activities under WAC 132S-400-115 is being amended.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW, RCW 28B.50.140(13); First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Columbia Basin College must amend WAC 132S-400-115 for clarity. Currently, WAC 132S-400-115 (12)(a)(iv) states the "Community bulletin board (located at the west entrance to the Thornton Building)" is a public area for use. This bulletin board may be used for public publications and postings only. The area in which the bulletin board stands would create an obstruction of normal business if a gathering were to take place there.

Process for Developing New Rule: Normal rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Lindsey Carpenter, 2600 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301, phone 509-542-1481, fax 509-544-2029, email lcarpenter@columbiabasin.edu, website www.columbiabasin.edu; or Corey Osborn, 2600 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301, phone 509-542-5548, fax 509-544-2029, email cosborn@columbiabasin.edu, website www.columbiabasin.edu.

May 29, 2024
Corey Osborn, Vice President
Human Resources and Legal Affairs

WSR 24-12-038
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[Filed May 30, 2024, 11:01 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-121-436 Emergency advance payments—School district application, 392-121-438 Emergency advance payments—Approval criteria, and 392-121-443 Emergency advance payments—Repayment of advances.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.150.290, 28A.710.220, 28A.510.250.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is considering rule making to extend the apportionment advance request and payout periods for school districts and charter schools, and to establish requirements for repayment assurance and apportionment advance repayment schedules for funds received. As a result of enrollment declines, expiring access to federal COVID[-19] relief, unanticipated rises in uncontrollable costs, and other unforeseen events, many districts have experienced unprecedented financial difficulties. Extending the apportionment request, payout, and repayment periods would allow districts to access funds that are essential for the continuity of operations, maintenance, and other education services.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations concerning new or amended rules, and consideration of comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rule language.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting T.J. Kelly, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, TTY 360-664-3631, email Thomas.kelly@k12.wa.us, website ospi.k12.wa.us.

May 30, 2024

Chris P. S. Reykdal

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

WSR 24-12-044

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

[Filed May 30, 2024, 3:55 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Claimants and employers who have appealed a determination of the employment security department (department) may request to withdraw their appeal before their hearing occurs. Sometimes a claimant or employer may change their mind for some reason, such as not understanding the impact of withdrawing their appeal, and they may request to rescind the withdrawal of their appeal so that they can have a hearing. Currently, the department's rules do not set out a process for a party to request to rescind the withdrawal of their appeal.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.12.042, 50.32.060, 34.05.220.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making is needed to set out a process for claimants to rescind the withdrawal of an appeal.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) reviews the state's administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of the unemployment insurance laws so long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for Developing New Rule: Draft rules will be shared with the public and stakeholders. The department will solicit input from all parties and consider all comments in the development of final rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Stephanie Frazee, P.O. Box 9046, phone 425-465-0313, fax 844-652-7096, TTY relay 711, email esdgpuirules@esd.wa.gov, website <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/rulemaking/>.

May 30, 2024

Joy Adams, Director

Employment System Policy and Integrity

**WSR 24-12-046
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

[Filed May 31, 2024, 8:31 a.m.]

The board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors requests withdrawal of the preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) filed as WSR 23-14-027, chapter 196-16 WAC. The CR-101 was filed on June 26, 2023, and appeared in issue 23-14 of the State Register. This document serves as the official notification of our withdrawal.

Ken Fuller, PE
Director

WSR 24-12-052
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed May 31, 2024, 2:30 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-512-0600 SSI-related medical—Definition of income, 182-512-0650 SSI-related medical—Available income, 182-512-0800 SSI-related medical—General income exclusions; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (agency) is amending these rules to remove food assistance from the calculation of income when determining a person's eligibility for Washington apple health supplemental security income (SSI)-related medical programs. These amendments are consistent with changes to federal rules regarding the treatment of food assistance within the SSI program, effective September 30, 2024. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Social Security Administration.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Brian Jensen, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Heather Chrzan, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-1513, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email heather.chrzan@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

May 31, 2024
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-055
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

[Filed June 3, 2024, 8:23 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 196-16 WAC, Registered professional land surveyors.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.43.035.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Better defining the requirements to become licensed as a professional land surveyor, including possible language implementing RCW 18.43.110, and clarifying language that is no longer effective as needed to reflect current processes. Also, there may be possible amendments to language regarding professional development hours.

Process for Developing New Rule: Notice will be made to stakeholders and active licensees via the board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors' (board) contact lists; and will be posted on our website and distributed through the board and board staff. Interested parties may contact the individual listed below and the public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Shanana Gillespie, P.O. Box 9025, Olympia, WA 98507-9025, phone 360-664-1570, TTY 711, email shanana.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov, website <https://brpels.wa.gov/about-us/laws-and-rules/rulemaking-activity>.

June 3, 2024
Ken Fuller
Director

WSR 24-12-056

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

[Filed June 3, 2024, 9:31 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Administrative and process rules regarding the appeals process at the board of tax appeals in chapters 456-10 and 456-09 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 2.03.170 [82.03.170].

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These are meant to clarify or simplify the appeals process.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Updating rule internally.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ross Petersen, P.O. Box 40915, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-753-5446, fax 360-586-9020, email bta@bta.wa.gov, website <https://bta.wa.gov/>.

June 3, 2024
Claire Hesselholt
Chair of the Board

WSR 24-12-070
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed June 4, 2024, 10:11 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Factory assembled structures (FAS) rules: WAC 296-150C-3000 Commercial coach fees, 296-150F-3000 Factory-built housing and commercial structure fees, 296-150I-3000 Penalties, fees, and refunds, 296-150M-3000 Manufactured/mobile home fees, 296-150P-3000 Recreational park trailer fees, 296-150R-3000 Recreational vehicle fees, 296-150T-3000 Factory-built temporary worker housing fees, and 296-150V-3000 Conversion vendor units and medical units—Fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapters 43.22 and 43.22A RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of labor and industries (L&I) is considering a fee increase by the fiscal growth factor rate of 6.40 percent for FAS to cover operating expenses for the FAS program. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current program expenses. The fee increase is necessary to ensure that revenues match expenditures.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Meagan Edwards, L&I, Field Services and Public Safety Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-522-0125, fax 360-704-1980, email Meagan.Edwards@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/manufactured-modular-mobile-structures/laws-rules#rule-development>.

June 4, 2024
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 24-12-071
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed June 4, 2024, 10:12 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General reporting rules, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for Washington workers' compensation insurance; and chapter 296-17A WAC, Classifications for Washington workers' compensation insurance.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.16.035 and 51.04.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of labor and industries' (L&I) classification development section's goal is to fairly apply the workers' compensation insurance classifications. Classification development is reviewing Classification 4906 Institutions of higher learning to ensure fair and equitable rates.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state, local, or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for Developing New Rule: L&I will solicit input from the business community by way of the internet. L&I will use input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by the internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jo Anne Attwood, L&I, Insurance Services, Employer Services, P.O. Box 44148, Olympia, WA 98504-4148, phone 360-902-4777, fax 360-902-4988, email JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov, website www.Lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity.

June 4, 2024
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 24-12-074
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

[Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2024-04—Filed June 4, 2024, 2:15 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Implementation of SB 6027 (chapter 42, Laws of 2024) Insurer Holding Company Act.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060 (3)(a), 48.31B.025 (2)(h), 48.31B.025(4), 48.31B.025(10), 48.31B.025 (13)(c), and 48.31B.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SB 6027 (2023-24), concerning the Insurer Holding Company Act, passed during the 68th legislative session. This new law aligns Washington's Insurer Holding Company Act (chapter 48.31B RCW) with the updated National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model authorities on this topic. The office of the insurance commissioner (OIC) rule making will be required to fully implement NAIC model law #440 and model regulation #450. OIC rule making is needed to provide administrative guidance and regulatory clarification for the group capital calculation requirements, including insurance holding company exemptions as recommended by the NAIC.

This rule making will attempt to add provisions from Section 21 of NAIC model regulation #450 to a new section in the existing regulations for Washington insurance holding companies located in chapter 284-18 WAC.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Written comments due July 19, 2024.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rules Coordinator, 302 Sid Snyder Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-7171, fax 360-586-3109, TTY 360-586-0241, email rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, website www.insurance.wa.gov.

June 4, 2024
Mike Kreidler
Insurance Commissioner

WSR 24-12-075
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

[Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2024-05—Filed June 4, 2024, 2:29 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Implementation of SSB 5300 (2023-24), ESHB 2041 (2023-24), SB 5821 (2023-24), ESHB 1957 (2023-24), and other related legislation and laws incorporated as consolidated health care rule making.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.0961 (to effectuate chapter 325, Laws of 2023); section 11, chapter 62, Laws of 2024; RCW 48.43.735 (to effectuate chapter 215, Laws of 2024); and RCW 48.43.047 (to effectuate chapter 314, Laws of 2024).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of the insurance commissioner (OIC) is considering consolidated health care rule making due to the recent passage of insurance-related legislation and other changes in law. Multiple provisions of health care and insurance regulations in WAC may need to be updated by OIC to be consistent with the legislation passed and codified in RCW and recent federal law changes. These rules will facilitate implementation of the new laws by ensuring that all affected health care and insurance entities understand their legal rights and obligations under the enacted legislation.

This rule making may include, but is not limited to: Clarifying prescription drug coverage for behavioral health treatment; updating reimbursement and collaboration requirements related to physician assistants; updating the definition of "established relationship" as applied to audio-only telemedicine services; and clarifying coverage and cost sharing requirements for preventive services. This rule making may include, but is not limited to, the following authorities: WAC 284-43-5000, 284-43-5080, 284-43-5110, 284-43-2021, 284-43-5800, 284-170-270, 284-170-411, 284-170-480, 284-170-421, 284-170-431, 284-43-5642, 284-170-433, 284-170-130, and 284-43-5980.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: OIC is promulgating administrative regulations related to the commercial plans it regulates. However, there are other state agencies who may be affected by the legislation requiring this rule making.

The state department of health (DOH) and OIC are both affected by the legislation regarding prescription drugs and physician assistant collaboration agreements. The health care authority (HCA) and OIC also have similar statutory authority for the "established relationship" provisions pertaining to audio-only telemedicine. Therefore, OIC will coordinate on this rule making with other agencies, including DOH and HCA, by offering notices and opportunities for written comment or feedback with multiple participation forums.

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by July 5, 2024.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rules Coordinator, 302 Sid Snyder Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-7171, fax 360-586-3109, TTY 360-586-0241, email rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, website www.insurance.wa.gov.

June 4, 2024
Mike Kreidler

WSR 24-12-076

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE

[Filed June 4, 2024, 2:47 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 132D-145 WAC, First amendment activities for Community College District IV.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Skagit Valley College plans to adopt rules for first amendment activities to provide current and accurate information.

Process for Developing New Rule: Proposed language for this rule will be presented to the college's governance system for feedback and a public hearing will be held.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Pam Davis, 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, phone 360-416-7995, fax 360-416-7773, TTY 360-416-7718, email pam.davis@skagit.edu, website www.skagit.edu.

June 4, 2024

Pam Davis

Executive Assistant to the President

Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-12-081
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

[Filed June 4, 2024, 3:56 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Sections 3 through 14, chapter 332, Laws of 2024 (E2SSB 6175 (2024)).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 82.32.300; and E2SSB 6175, sections 3 through 14.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of revenue (department) intends to propose a new rule to explain the retail sales and use tax deferral created by E2SSB 6175 (2024), for the conversion of an underutilized commercial property to affordable housing within cities that adopt a resolution for the deferral program. Specifically, the rule is intended to clarify eligibility requirements and program administration standards.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Parties interested in this rule-making effort may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments throughout this rule-making process, or by giving oral testimony at the public meeting or public hearing for this rule. The department intends to provide a draft rule proposal shortly before the public meeting for purposes of soliciting stakeholder comments.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Brenton Madison, P.O. Box 47453, Olympia, WA 98504-7453, phone 360-534-1583, fax 360-534-1606, TTY 800-833-6384, email BrentonM@dor.wa.gov, website dor.wa.gov.

Additional comments: No preliminary rule draft is available at this time. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email and should be directed to Brenton Madison using one of the contact methods above. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public meeting. The department intends to provide a draft rule proposal shortly before the public meeting for purposes of soliciting stakeholder comments. The draft rule will be posted on the department's "Rule making agenda" web page. Public meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., telephonic/internet meeting only. Contact Cathy Holder at CathyH@dor.wa.gov for dial-in/login information.

June 4, 2024
Brenton Madison
Rules Coordinator