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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-112A-1240; and add a new section in chapter 388-112A WAC, Residential long-term care services training. The department may amend other related rules as required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.08.090, 70.128.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering amending WAC 388-112A-1240 and adding a new section to chapter 388-112A WAC to establish minimum qualifications for high school teachers with certain endorsements and experience to teach long-term care worker basic training to high school students.

Providing training at the high school level represents the aging and long-term support administration's ongoing commitment to increase the long-term care workforce in order to fully serve the growing population of individuals who require those services in Washington state. Since most high school teachers do not come from a long-term care work environment, different minimum qualifications need to be established for those instructors.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The office of the superintendent of public instruction oversees Washington state high school vocational requirements and will be included in the process of drafting the new section.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (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 Angel Sullivan, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2495, fax 360-438-8633, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email angel.sullivan@dshs.wa.gov.

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