WSR 23-19-092 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE [Filed September 20, 2023, 9:32 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Updates and amendments to chapter 194-24 WAC to reflect new versions of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EnergyStar standards for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) and residential ventilating fans, and to remove state efficiency standards for air purifiers in light of new federal standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.260.040(1).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Commerce is proposing to update state efficiency standards for EVSE and residential ventilating fans to reflect more recent versions of the EPA EnergyStar standards listed in RCW 19.260.040 in order to maintain and improve consistency with other comparable standards in other states. Commerce is also proposing to remove the section of chapter 194-24 WAC concerning air purifiers in light of new federal Department of Energy energy conservation standards for air cleaners.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Energy, federal standards in some cases preempt state standards.

Process for Developing New Rule: Standard rule-making process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nick Manning, 1011 Plum Street S.E., phone 564-200-4324, email nick.manning@commerce.wa.gov, website commerce.wa.gov/ appliances.

Additional comments: Commerce maintains an email distribution list for communication with stakeholders. Interested parties may add their names to the distribution list by visiting the web page listed above.

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