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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF  
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SEMI-ANNUAL RULE-MAKING AGENDA

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This is the semi-annual rule-making agenda from the department of retirement systems (DRS) for publication in the Washington State Register pursuant to RCW 34.05.314.

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WAC Citations	Subject Matter/Rule Purpose	Current Activity and Anticipated Activity Dates		
		Preproposal (CR-101)	Proposed (CR-102)	Permanent (CR-103)
415-104-011 415-104-225 415-104-235 415-104-374	Implementing chapter 319, Laws of 2024, flexible and part-time work for general and limited authority Washington peace officers.	WSR 24-11-032	TBD	TBD
TBD	Implementing SSB 6197, law enforcement officers' and firefighters' (LEOFF) Plan 2, Various provisions.	TBD	TBD	TBD
415-501-495 415-501-488 415-501-491	Revising some deferred compensation plan WAC.	WSR 24-13-103	TBD	TBD
415-104-367 415-106-290 415-108-455 415-110-455 415-112-4604	Revising several DRS WAC to improve clarity.	TBD	TBD	TBD
415-104-478	LEOFF Plan 2 disability benefits: Clarifying the requirement for LEOFF Plan 2 disability benefits to specify that members are not required to have a medical diagnosis regarding the disabling condition as of the date of separation, as long as sufficient supporting medical evidence is available later.	WSR 24-06-053	TBD	TBD
415-501-110 415-501-400	Creating an exclusion from the definition of full-time employment for the purposes of automatic enrollment into a deferred compensation program (DCP) for seasonal workers: Under RCW 41.50.770(3), eligible new state employees are automatically enrolled in DCP unless they waive participation. However, some new employees are in positions that will only last for a limited number of months, so their employment ends before their contributions are deferred. In this rule, DRS would like to exclude these people from the definition of full-time employees so that they aren't required to be automatically enrolled.	WSR 24-06-076	WSR 24-11-062	Will be published in the Washington State Register in August 2024
TBD	Similar compensated relationship: Clarifying the definition of "similar compensated relationship" as it applies to retirees who are returning to work.	WSR 23-17-155	TBD	TBD

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415-104-215 415-104-482	LEOFF Plan 1 and 2 benefit enhancements and taxation: To support the implementation of SHB 1701 and SB 5791 from the 2022 legislative session, which add benefit enhancements to LEOFF Plan 1 and 2. In addition, the rule will bring WAC language into alignment with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) taxation requirements.	WSR 23-05-087	TBD	TBD
415-700-010	Higher education retirement plan (HERP) supplemental benefit fund: Revising WAC 415-700-010 to specify the process that will occur when the pension funding council, in consultation with the state actuary, determines that the HERP supplemental benefit funds contain sufficient funding to allow benefit payments.	WSR 24-05-038	WSR 24-10-052	Will be published in the Washington State Register in August 2024
415-112-640 (Creating a new WAC section)	Teachers' retirement system (TRS) Plan 2 and 3 disability benefits: To clarify TRS Plan 2 and 3 disability retirement benefits, including eligibility and application requirements.	WSR 21-12-098	TBD	TBD
415-02-380	Nonspousal survivor benefit option: To comply with IRS regulations governing nonspousal survivor benefits from a retirement plan.	WSR 21-04-142	TBD	TBD

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