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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Electrical rules; WAC 296-46B-906 Inspection fees, 296-46B-909 Electrical/telecommunications contractor's license, administrator certificate and examination, master electrician certificate and examination, electrician certificate and examination, copy, and miscellaneous fees, and 296-46B-911 Electrical testing laboratory and engineer accreditation fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and electrical installations; RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of labor and industries (L&I) is considering amendments to the electrical rules that would increase fees by the fiscal growth factor of 6.41 percent for electrical inspections and other electrical program services. The fee increase is necessary to cover increased operating expenses for the electrical program. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current program expenses. The fee increase would ensure that revenues match expenditures.

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/or 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/electrical/laws-rules-policies.

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