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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Permit requirements for tower cranes, chapter 296-155 WAC, Part L.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 49.17 RCW; RCW 49.17.400.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making will implement the requirements of sections 4 and 6 of 2SHB 2022 (chapter 311, Laws of 2024), codified under RCW 49.17.435 and 49.17.440. The department of labor and industries (L&I) must establish, by rule, a permit for the performance of any work involving the operation, assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration of a tower crane. Some of the topics which will be addressed in this rule making include:

• Permit requirements related to tower cranes;
• Permit application and safety conference;
• Permit denials, suspensions, and revocations;
• Requirements of prime contractors; and
• Other housekeeping changes.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder meetings will be held to allow those affected by the rule to provide input prior to the rule proposal being filed. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. 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 Cynthia Ireland, Administrative Regulations Analyst, L&I, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, P.O. Box 44620, Olympia, WA 98504-4620, phone 360-791-5048, fax 360-902-5619, email Cynthia.Ireland@Lni.wa.gov.

Additional comments: For more information on L&I rule making, visit L&I's Rulemaking Activity web page at https://www.Lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/.

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