

**WAC 242-03-320 Hearing examiner—May be appointed.** (1) The board may appoint hearing examiners to assist the board in its hearing function, to make conclusions of law and findings of fact, and, if requested by the board, to make recommendations to the board for decisions in cases before the board.

(2) The findings and conclusions of the hearing examiner shall not become final until they have been formally approved by the panel hearing the case.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.70A.270(7). WSR 11-13-109, § 242-03-320, filed 6/21/11, effective 7/22/11.]