WSR 23-08-014 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed March 23, 2023, 4:43 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-916 WAC, Athletic trainers. The department of health (department) is considering adopting the health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with RCW 43.70.613. The department will also consider whether additional CE hours and course topics should be included.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.250.020, 43.70.040, 43.70.613, 18.130.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: In 2021, ESSB 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021), codified as RCW 43.70.613, was passed. The bill requires, by January 1, 2024, that each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a CE requirement adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years.

RCW 43.70.613 (3) (b) also directed the department to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department filed final rules for health equity CE minimum standards on November 23, 2022, under WSR 22-23-167. Any rules developed by the department for athletic trainers must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules found at WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The goal of health equity CE training is to equip health care workers with the skills to recognize and reduce health inequities in their daily work. The content of the health equity trainings include instruction on skills to address structural factors, such as bias, racism, and poverty, which manifest as health inequities.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Bruce Bronoske, Jr., P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA, 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4843, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email bruce.bronoske@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rule making, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Athletic Training." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to receive information related to that specific profession. The department may consider adding additional interested parties from underserved populations who may be affected by this legislation and who receive services provided by athletic trainers.

> March 23, 2023 Kristin Peterson, JD

Chief of Policy for Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH Secretary

WSR 23-08-015 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed March 23, 2023, 4:54 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 181-82A WAC, Specialty endorsements.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Board request to possibly change policy on who can propose and offer specialty endorsements.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jisu Ryu, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6275, email rulespesb@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov

> March 22, 2023 Jisu Ryu Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-021 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission) [Filed March 24, 2023, 4:44 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-808-201 and 246-808-215. The chiropractic quality assurance commission (commission) is considering adopting health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with RCW 43.70.613 for chiropractic X-ray technicians. The commission will also be evaluating credentialing requirements for chiropractic X-ray technicians including, but not limited to: The number of hours of training required, the format in which those hours are obtained, the content of the training, and who can provide the training. The commission is also considering amending requirements for X-ray technicians whose credentials have expired and administrative updates to better align the rule with current standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.25.180, 18.25.017 $\overline{1}$, and $\overline{4}3.7\overline{0}.613$.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: By January 1, 2024, RCW 43.70.613(1) requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a CE requirement to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years. RCW 43.70.613 (3)(b) also directed the department of health (department) to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department adopted health equity CE minimum standards on November 23, 2022, under WSR 22-23-167. Any rules developed by the commission must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules found at WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

It is the purpose of the commission under chapter 18.25 RCW to regulate the competency and quality of professional health care providers under its jurisdiction by establishing, monitoring, and enforcing consistent standards of practice and discipline, and those rules, policies, and procedures developed by the commission must promote the delivery of quality health care to the residents of the state. RCW 18.25.180(2) allows the commission to adopt rules necessary and appropriate to carry out the regulation of chiropractic X-ray technicians. It is necessary to evaluate the credentialing requirements for chiropractic X-ray technicians to provide clarity and better align the rule with current standards.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making. Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Betty J. Moe, Regulatory Analyst, P.O. Box 47857, Olympia, WA 98504-7857, phone 360-236-2868, TTY 711, email Betty.Moe@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-andcertificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/chiropractorchiropractic-x-ray-technician.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The commission will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The commission will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to

provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rule making, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page, and then select "Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission."

> March 23, 2023 Robert Nicoloff Executive Director Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission

WSR 23-08-027 WITHDRAWAL OF PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

[Filed March 27, 2023, 11:04 a.m.]

The department of licensing requests the withdrawal of the preproposal statement of inquiry for WAC 308-96A-530, filed as WSR 22-17-152, on August 23, 2022.

> Ellis Starrett Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-038 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

[Filed March 29, 2023, 10:03 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (department) is considering amending the following rules, adding a new section, and amending other sections as needed. The intent is to provide clarity to the resident medication rules, including labeling, documentation, and storage of resident medications, specifically related to the implementation of the Death with Dignity Act: chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult family home minimum licensing requirements; chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted living facility licensing rules; chapter 388-107 WAC, Licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities; and Chapter 388-97 WAC, Nursing homes.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.20.090, 70.97.230, 70.128.040, and 74.42.620.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making was requested by a member of the public to reduce potential barriers to residents in adult family homes accessing prescribed medications under the Death with Dignity Act. The department identified potential barriers in assisted living facility, enhanced services facility, and nursing home rules. Death with dignity medications can only be prescribed to individuals deemed able to "self-administer" the medication (chapter 70.245 RCW). Creating a new section in the above-referenced WAC chapters will clarify that death with dignity medications would not be subject to the same labeling, documentation, and storage requirements as other resident medications. This will enable residents to receive the prescribed medications in a timely manner, without potential delays that could result in the resident no longer being able to self-administer the medication.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other federal or state agencies regulate this subject.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making; and the department will use the negotiated rule-making process for chapter 388-76 WAC. For chapters 388-78A, 388-107, and 388-97 WAC, the department will use a collaborative rule-making process to consult with internal and external stakeholders in the development and review of the draft rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Colleen Jensen, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98506, phone 564-999-3182, fax 360-438-7903, email colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov.

> March 29, 2023 Katherine I. Vasquez Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-040 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD

[Filed March 29, 2023, 10:42 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The Washington state liquor and cannabis board (WSLCB) is considering amending WAC 314-40-040, and amending, repealing, or creating other rules in Title 314 WAC, as necessary to allow private clubs licensed under RCW 66.24.450 or 66.24.452 to add additional membership drives and/or host consecutive membership drives.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 66.08.030, 66.24.450.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On September 14, 2022, the board accepted a rule petition related to private club membership drives. Consistent with RCW 34.05.330 (1)(b), WSLCB is initiating the rule-making process to begin collaboratively engaging with stakeholders and any interested members of the public to explore the possibility of allowing private clubs to add additional membership drives and/or host consecutive membership drives.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making. Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Policy and Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 43080, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-480-1238, fax 360-704-5027, email rules@lcb.wa.gov, website lcb.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested persons can participate in the rule process through open public meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to sign up for the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/ subscriber/new. Rule-making notices and stakeholder engagement opportunities will be emailed via GovDelivery and posted to the WSLCB website at lcb.wa.gov.

> March 29, 2023 David Postman Chair

WSR 23-08-042 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Filed March 29, 2023, 2:25 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 468-300-010, 468-300-020, 468-300-040, and 468-300-080.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 47.56.030, 47.60.315.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: As required by law, the transportation commission (commission) will be reviewing the need to adjust ferry fares and policies to meet legal and financial requirements for the 2023-2025 biennium. This rule is also needed to amend WAC 468-300-080 related to the ferry fuel surcharge for Washington state ferries.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The other agency that regulates this subject is the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) as the operator of the ferry system. The commission works closely and coordinates with WSDOT in developing faresetting proposals.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making; and agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Aaron Halbert, Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-705-7070, email transc@wstc.wa.gov, website http://www.wstc.wa.gov.

> March 23, 2023 Reema Griffith Executive Director

WSR 23-08-057 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Developmental Disabilities Administration)
[Filed April 3, 2023, 12:47 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 388-823-1095, 388-823-1096, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.26.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The developmental disabilities administration (DDA) is planning to amend these rules to distinguish more clearly between client rights guaranteed by Washington state statute and federal medicaid requirements for delivering services in integrated settings. During the course of this review, the department of social and health services (DSHS) may make additional changes that are necessary to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Chantelle Diaz, DDA, P.O. Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310, phone 360-790-4732, fax 360-407-0955, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email chantelle.diaz@dshs.wa.gov.

April 3, 2023 Katherine I. Vasquez Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-058 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

(Securities Division) [Filed April 3, 2023, 3:08 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The securities division is soliciting comments on the possible amendment of the rules regarding broker-dealers and salespersons of broker-dealers in chapters 460-20B, 460-21B, and 460-22B WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 21.20.450.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The securities division is considering possible amendments to the broker-dealer rules in chapters 460-20B, 460-21B, and 460-22B WAC. Many of these rules have not been substantively amended since the 1990s. The securities division is considering amendments to bring the rules up to date with federal rules, incorporate North American Securities Administrators Association model rules, and describe the application filing procedures and requirements for brokerdealers and salespersons, among other possible updates.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Securities Act of Washington regulates broker-dealers and securities salespersons doing business in Washington. The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also regulates broker-dealers and has delegated the regulation of certain broker-dealers to the Financial Industry Regulatory Association (FINRA), a self-regulatory organization. The state regulation of broker-dealers is subject to certain provisions of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 (NSMIA). NSMIA restricts states from making laws or rules that establish capital, custody, margin, financial responsibility, recordkeeping, bonding, or financial or operational reporting requirements for broker-dealers that are different from, or in addition to, the requirements in those areas established under federal law. Accordingly, any rules created by the securities division in these specified topic areas must be consistent with federal law and SEC and FINRA rules. The securities division retains fraud jurisdiction and the ability to make state-specific rules in the topic areas not restricted by NSMIA.

Process for Developing New Rule: The securities division is soliciting comments from interested persons and will adopt rules only after considering public comments.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jill Vallely, P.O. Box 9033, Olympia, WA 98507-9033, phone 360-902-8760, fax 360-704-7035, TTY 360-664-8126, email jill.vallely@dfi.wa.gov, website https://dfi.wa.gov/securities.

> April 3, 2023 William M. Beatty Securities Administrator

WSR 23-08-060 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed April 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-531-2040 Enhanced reimbursement-Medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160; Section 1262 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (omnibus bill).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (HCA) is removing any mention of the DATA 2000 waiver in WAC 182-531-2040. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jason Crabbe, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-9563, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email jason.crabbe@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Karin Inderbitzin, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45506, Olympia, WA 98504-5506, phone 360-725-9805, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email karin.inderbitzin@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/ rulemaking.

> April 3, 2023 Wendy Barcus Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-066 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed April 4, 2023, 8:31 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Electrical rules—Code adoption. Chapter 296-46B WAC, Electrical safety standards, administration, and installation, excluding WAC 296-46B-945 Qualifying for master, journey level, specialty electrician examinations.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and electrical installations, including 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 industry's (L&I) electrical program is reviewing the electrical rules under chapter 296-46B WAC and new safety codes from the 2023 edition of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 70, the National Electrical Code (NEC). The purpose of this review is to consider amendments based on the 2023 NEC safety codes, update and clarify existing rules, and make housekeeping and other rule changes. The 2023 NEC (NFPA 70-2023) would replace the current 2020 NEC (NFPA 70-2020) standards.

The electrical rules are reviewed every three years, or each code cycle, to ensure the rules are consistent with national electrical safety standards and industry practice. The review process provides Washington's electrical stakeholders the opportunity to review the existing rules, submit proposals for changes to the rules, and provide recommendations to L&I regarding adoption of the rules prior to NEC implementation.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

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. All rule proposals will be reviewed by a technical advisory committee (TAC) and the electrical board.

L&I is seeking input from interested parties to be used in the formulation of the proposed electrical rules. Interested parties may submit rule proposals for changes to the rules through May 20, 2023.

L&I is also appointing a general TAC made up of experts and interested group representatives to review and make recommendations on proposals from the electrical industry. Interested parties may submit an application to become a TAC member and participate in the rules development process through May 20, 2023.

For more information on this rule making, visit the L&I website at https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rulespolicies#rule-development or contact the individual below.

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 360-902-6134, email Meagan. Edwards@Lni.wa.gov, website https:// www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies#ruledevelopment.

April 4, 2023

Joel Sacks Director

WSR 23-08-071 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed April 4, 2023, 10:33 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-521-0200 Coverage after the public health emergency (PHE) ends; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 amended Section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to change the end date of medicaid continuous coverage from the end date of the PHE to March 31, 2023. The agency filed an emergency rule (WSR 23-08-051), effective April 1, 2023, so that WAC 182-521-0200 conforms to federal law. This rule project will make permanent changes to the rule. During this review, the health care authority may identify additional related changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Brian Jensen, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Mark Westenhaver, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-1324, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email mark.westenhaver@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

April 4, 2023 Wendy Barcus Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-073 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

[Filed April 4, 2023, 11:17 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: State parks staff will review WAC 352-32-253.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 79A.05.065.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: WAC 352-32-253 proposal will bring the current rules in line with RCW 79A.05.065. This will clearly communicate that all program participants need to have been issued and provide a foster family pass to receive discounted day-use parking and overnight camping. Additionally, this change will allow for the inclusion of kinship caregivers, as described in RCW 79A.05.065.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable. Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ariel Ryon, Communications Division, 1111 Israel Road S.W., Tumwater, WA 98504-2650, phone 360-902-8603, fax 360-586-6640, TTY 800-833-6388, email arielmarie.ryon@parks.wa.gov, website www.parks.wa.gov.

> April 4, 2023 Valeria Veasley Management Analyst

WSR 23-08-078 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[Filed April 4, 2023, 4:42 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-410-350 Seal of biliteracy.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.300.575.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is considering rule making concerning the seal of biliteracy (the seal) to establish multiple levels of the seal. Currently, the proficiency level to earn the seal is American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages intermediate mid [level]. With dual language education programs producing students with higher levels of proficiency, a multi-level seal can encourage students to continue with language learning beyond the intermediate mid level. A multi-level seal may encourage students to take additional languages after the requirements for the first language are met. Offering multiple levels of the seal would put Washington on par with other states that offer multi-level seal programs.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations respecting new or amended rules, and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Veronica Trapani, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-819-0950, TTY 360-664-3631, email veronica.trapani@k12.wa.us, website k12.wa.us.

> April 4, 2023 Chris P. S. Revkdal State Superintendent of Public Instruction