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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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The department of labor and industries (L&I) prepares a semi-annual rules development agenda in January and July each year to inform the public of expected upcoming rule changes. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.314, the agenda is filed with the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. This report details current and anticipated rule-making activities for L&I. This agenda is for informational purposes and the noted dates of anticipated rule-making actions are estimates. There may be additional rule-making activities not anticipated at this time, such as implementing new state laws, meeting federal requirements, or other circumstances.

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KEY:

CR: "Code reviser" on the rule-making forms produced by the office of the code reviser for use by all state agencies.

CR-101: Preproposal statement of inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule-making order permanently adopting a rule, and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited rule-making proposal filed under RCW 34.05.353.

N/A: Not applicable.

RCW: Revised Code of Washington.

WAC: Washington Administrative Code.

WSR: Washington State Register official filing reference number given by the office of the code reviser when a notice is filed.

**Semi-Annual Rules Development Agenda
July 1 - December 31, 2025**

WAC Chapter	Rule Subject	Purpose and Scope of Rule Making	Preproposal Notice (CR-101) Filing Date and WSR #	Proposed Rule (CR-102 or CR-105) Filing Date and WSR #	Permanent Rule (CR-103) Filing Date and WSR #	Agency Contact
Division: Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)						
296-62 296-155	Lead	This rule making is in response to a petition and a series of stakeholder meetings. This rule making was initiated to update existing lead standards in both general industry and construction in light of increasing evidence of the hazards associated with occupational lead exposure.	4/19/16 16-09-092	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372

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296-52	Safety standards for possession, handling, and use of explosives	The purpose of this rule making is to update the safety standards concerning explosives in order to reflect technological advancements in explosives over the past 10 to 30 years, and better align with federal regulations. Focus areas will likely include definitions, licensing, storage, background check requirements, public disclosure, and transportation, among others sections.	1/23/18 18-03-162	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
To be determined	Occupational exposures to infectious or contagious diseases (2021's ESSB 5092 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the requirements of 2021's ESSB 5092, section 220(8), to establish occupational health protections related to infectious diseases to ensure the state has general guidelines to follow in the case of an infectious disease outbreak. This would include when there is an outbreak subject to a public health emergency under a national or state-declared state of emergency.	5/13/21 21-11-051	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-155	Trenching rescue and excavation plan	The purpose of this rule making is to require employers to develop and implement a written excavation plan detailing appropriate risk analysis and rescue planning prior to beginning any work that requires a protective system (generally defined as any excavation four feet or deeper that is not in stable, solid rock).	6/22/21 21-13-140	Anticipate filing fall 2025	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-155	Cranes, rigging, and personnel lifting (includes implementing portions of 2024's 2SHB 2022)	The purpose of this rule making is to amend the safety standards for cranes and derricks in construction, due in part to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updating their standards. This rule making will also implement portions of 2SHB 2022 (chapter 311, Laws of 2024), regarding tower cranes. This rule making is also intended to provide clarity on L&I's interpretation of requirements related to crane decertification and reinstatement. In addition, state-initiated amendments will address other areas in chapter 296-155 WAC relating to cranes that need to be updated based on current industry practice, and to clarify some of the language to maintain safety and health protections for employees.	7/6/21 21-14-080	3/18/25 25-07-100	Anticipate filing 8/5/25	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-56	Longshore and waterfront operations and restrooms in ports and railyards (2022's SHB 1706 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to align the rule with RCW 70.54.480, created by SHB 1706 (chapter 204, Laws of 2022), regarding drayage truck operators access to restrooms when operating in or on a port or rail yard property. New requirements will include access to restrooms and dedicated space for lactation. This rule making will also better align chapter 296-56 WAC with OSHA requirements for marine terminals in 29 C.F.R. 1917, Subpart A.	9/6/22 22-18-081	Anticipate filing fall 2025	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-800	Safety and health core rules	The purpose of this rule making is to remove confusing and unnecessary language as well as update where necessary to align with the requirements of OSHA and Washington state rules. In addition, this rule making intends to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider updates to WAC 296-800-13020 in response to a petition regarding the length of the term a safety committee member may serve. • Address housekeeping and formatting issues. 	7/23/24 24-15-126	Anticipate filing fall 2025	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372

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296-830 (new)	Workplace violence in health care (implementation of 2019's SHB 1931 and 2020's E2SSB 6205)	The purpose of this expedited rule making is to adopt into rule statutory requirements under chapter 49.19 RCW, Safety—Health care settings; chapter 72.23 RCW, Public and private facilities for mentally ill; and chapter 49.95 RCW, Long-term care workers. The requirements under these existing statutes require employers in covered health care settings to establish a program to address workplace violence and abusive behavior in health care settings, which includes creating policies, providing training to employees, and recording incidents. Prior to this rule making, DOSH has addressed enforcement of the requirements under chapters 49.19 and 72.23 RCW, and through DOSH Directive 5.07.	10/1/24 24-20-114 (CR-105)	Anticipate filing winter 2025	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
To be determined	Ergonomics: Scheduled airlines—Ground crew operations (2023's ESSB 5217 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to establish a new chapter or section to address Ergonomics for scheduled airlines—Ground crew operations, risk class 6802 (WAC 296-17A-6802), and key components of an ergonomics rule that L&I should consider for future industry specific ergonomics rules due to ESSB 5217 (chapter 112, Laws of 2023).	10/29/24 24-22-067	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-27	Improve tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses	The purpose of this rule making is to update the rule regarding injury and illness tracking and reporting to align with updates to OSHA rules to improve tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses in order to remain as-effective-as OSHA, as required by the Washington state plan. The federal rules went into effect in January 2024.	11/20/24 24-23-098 (CR-105)	3/4/25 25-06-082	Anticipate filing 9/2/25	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-900	Worker walk around	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the requirements of OSHA's regulation 29 C.F.R. 1903.8, Representatives of employers and employees, which became effective on May 31, 2024, making L&I at-least-as-effective-as OSHA. 29 C.F.R. 1903.8 allows the employer and employees the right to authorize a representative to accompany OSHA officials during a workplace inspection. Employees can authorize another employee to serve as their representative or select a third party.	12/17/24 25-01-133	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-155	Tower crane permit and safety requirements (2024's 2SHB 2022 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the requirements of sections of 4 and 6 of 2SHB 2022 (chapter 311, Laws of 2024), codified under RCW 49.17.435 and 49.17.440. 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.	1/21/25 25-03-117	Anticipate filing 8/19/25	Anticipate filing November 2025	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372

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296-360 296-05 296-20 296-27 296-45 296-307 296-820 296-831 296-848 296-849 296-855 296-856	Safety and health retaliation	The purpose of this rule making is to update chapter 296-360 WAC and other sections in Title 296 WAC that reference safety and health discrimination protections for workers and replace the term discrimination with retaliation. This is part of a plan that L&I developed to use more accurate terminology to describe complaints received from workers who raise workplace safety and health hazards and concerns and are subsequently retaliated against as described in RCW 49.17.160. L&I is renaming the program that responds to the complaints to align with this change.	N/A	Anticipate filing 8/19/25	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-78 296-801 296-828 296-856 296-874	DOSH housekeeping updates	The purpose of this rule making is to correct any outstanding housekeeping issues in various WAC sections, such as correcting typographical errors and updating references. No requirements are being affected during this rule making, as changes are only for clarification purposes.	N/A	Anticipate filing fall 2025 (CR-105)	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-901	Hazard communication	The purpose of this rule making is to update the hazard communication, globally harmonized system rule to incorporate OSHA updates for requirements in the manufacturing of chemical products by chemical manufactures and updating of safety data [data] sheet information.	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
296-307	Worker protection standard	The purpose of this rule making is to update WAC 296-307-108 Part I, Worker protection standard. The Environmental Protection Agency updated requirements around application exclusion zones and other definitions related to pesticide use and application. This is a jointly enforced rule with the Washington state department of agriculture.	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
Joint Rule Making: DOSH and Fraud Prevention and Labor Standards						
296-71	High hazard facilities (2025's EHB 1173 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement EHB 1173, concerning the skilled and trained workforce requirements for refinery owners when contracting for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work at high hazard facilities. EHB 1173 (chapter 210, Laws of 2025) amends chapter 49.80 RCW by adding and amending current definitions, and adds wage and occupation notifications for apprentices. Rule making may also be considered to provide further clarification and guidance concerning implementation of the chapter.	7/1/25 25-14-100	Anticipate filing fall 2025	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Thomas West DOSH Rulemaking Program 509-237-2372
Division: Fraud Prevention and Labor Standards						
296-127	Prevailing wage: Multiple CBAs and dispute resolution process	The purpose of this rule making is to establish an interested party dispute resolution process that L&I would engage when determining appropriate collective bargaining agreements to establish a prevailing wage rate for a trade and occupation in a county. Rules are needed for a clear process to establish rates as well as a process for dispute resolution.	6/3/25 25-12-093	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Anticipate filing spring 2026	Ethan Whitener Prevailing Wage Program 360-890-6139

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296-05	Apprenticeship rule: Specialty electricians (2025's ESHB 1533 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement ESHB 1533 (chapter 240, Laws of 2025). ESHB 1533 added a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW, Apprenticeship, allowing single-employer (01) electrician apprenticeship programs to use apprentices to perform work under their valid electrician specialty certificate without changing the apprentice's status in the (01) program, with some restrictions.	7/1/25 25-14-098	Anticipate filing 9/16/25	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	Kristin Murphy Apprenticeship Program 564-999-0975
Title 296 WAC (new chapter or section)	Labor standards for isolated employees (2025's 2SHB 1524 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement 2SHB 1524 (chapter 47, Laws of 2025), related to isolated employee protections. Currently, chapter 49.60 RCW requires employers in the janitorial, hospitality, retail, and security industries take certain precautions to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault of isolated employees. Isolated employees are those working as a janitor, security guard, hotel or motel housekeeper or room service attendant and spends a majority of their working hours alone without another coworker present. 2SHB 1524 amends chapter 49.60 RCW to add protections for isolated employees and provide for L&I enforcement of the requirements.	7/1/25 25-14-099	Anticipate filing 9/16/25	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	Bridget Osborne Employment Standards 360-902-5552
296-128 296-135	Labor standards statute alignment (implementation of 2025's ESHB 1875, SSB 5101, and ESHB 1332)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESHB 1875 (chapter 170, Laws of 2025), concerning use of paid sick leave for immigration proceedings. • SSB 5101 (chapter 375, Laws of 2025), concerning access to leave for victims of hate crimes. • ESHB 1332 (chapter 229, Laws of 2025), concerning transportation network companies. 	7/1/25 25-14-095 (CR-105)	Anticipate filing 9/30/25	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Bridget Osborne Employment Standards 360-902-5552
296-128	Coercion based on immigration status (2025's SSB 5104 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement SSB 5104 (chapter 236, Laws of 2025), which includes the following labor standards requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers are forbidden from coercing employees based on immigration status in furtherance of the employer committing a violation of wage and hour laws. This includes implicit or explicit communication pertaining to immigration status to deter an employee from engaging in protected activities or exercising a right under chapters 49.46, 49.12, 49.30, or 49.48 RCW. • Workers may file a complaint with L&I within 180 days of the alleged coercive action. 	7/1/25 25-14-096	Anticipate filing fall 2025	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Connor Linse Employment Standards 425-273-7664
296-123	Equal pay and opportunities (EPOA) protections and guidelines (implementation of 2025's SSB 5408 and SSB 5501)	The purpose of rule making is to implement SSB 5408 (chapter 383, Laws of 2025) and SSB 5501 (chapter 115, Laws of 2025), which include the following labor standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage and salary disclosure requirements under EPOA. • Restrictions on when an employer can require a valid driver's license as a condition of employment or include a statement in a job posting that an applicant must have a valid driver's license. This rule making may also consider revisions to the current EPOA rule.	Anticipate filing 8/5/25	Anticipate filing 11/4/25	Anticipate filing 4/21/26	Michael Davis Employment Standards 253-878-4043

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296-125 296-131	Youth employment updates (implementation of 2025's ESHB 1644, SHB 1121, and HB 1722)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the following: • ESHB 1644 (chapter 173, Laws of 2025), concerning safety and health of working minors. • SHB 1121 (chapter 79, Laws of 2025), concerning hours of work for 16- and 17-year-old minors enrolled in career and technical education programs. • HB 1722 (chapter 98, Laws of 2025), concerning prohibited duties for minors with certain licenses or certification (from the department of health). L&I may also consider changes to clarify existing requirements, which may include technical updates, improve alignment between child labor procedures in agricultural and nonagricultural industries, and remove outdated requirements.	Anticipate filing fall 2025	Anticipate filing winter 2025	Anticipate filing spring 2026	Reed Simock Employment Standards 360-480-3237
Division: Field Services and Public Safety						
296-150F	Factory assembled structures: Factory-built housing and commercial structures (implementation of 2019's E3SHB 1257, HB 1486, and ESSB 5383)	The purpose of this rule making is to update the rule regarding factory-built housing and commercial structures, to include panelized construction. This rule making will include intent to make the rule related to E3SHB 1257 (chapter 285, Laws of 2019) - Energy efficiency, HB 1486 (chapter 165, Laws of 2019) - Delegation of authority, and ESSB 5383 (chapter 352, Laws of 2019) - Tiny houses.	7/2/19 19-14-106	Anticipate filing 9/16/25	Anticipate filing 12/2/25	Alicia Curry Field Services and Public Safety 360-902-6244
296-400A	Plumber certification rule —Phase 3 (2020's SB 6170 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to consider amendments to implement the legislative changes made within the Plumbing Act (chapter 153, Laws of 2020, SB 6170), and updates to continuing education, training programs, and other necessary updates to the plumbing rule.	1/18/22 22-03-073	To be determined	To be determined	Alicia Curry Field Services and Public Safety 360-902-6244
296-96	Elevator fees increase (fiscal year (FY) 2026)	The purpose of this rule making is to amend the elevator rule to increase fees by the office of financial management's fiscal growth factor rate of 6.41 percent for FY26 to support operating expenses for L&I's elevator program. Additional amendments are necessary to help simplify the rule and make the fees easier to locate.	4/1/25 25-08-062	6/3/25 25-12-088	Anticipate filing 9/2/25	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125
296-200A 296-400A	Online insurance submittal for registered contractors and licensed plumbing contractors	The purpose of this rule making is to amend the contractor registration and plumbing contractor licensing rules to fully transition to an online insurance system. The amendments would require insurance companies to submit insurance documents and information electronically through the electronic bond and insurance policy system. L&I would no longer accept paper copies by mail, in person, or through any other electronic method for contractor registration or plumbing contractor licensing. The only exception would be for first-time applicants for contractor registration or plumbing contractor licensing.	4/22/25 25-09-152	Anticipate filing 9/2/25	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125

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296-200A	Contractor registration: Homeowner recovery program (2023's 2SHB 1534 implementation —Phase 3)	The purpose of this rule making is to amend the contractor registration rule to implement 2SHB 1534 (chapter 213, Laws of 2023), to strengthen protections for consumers in the construction industry. The legislation directed L&I to establish and administer a new homeowner recovery program by July 1, 2024. The program provides a safeguard and a path to financial recovery for consumers harmed by construction contractors. Beginning July 1, 2026, eligible construction consumers can apply for recovery payments from the program for financial losses stemming from work by construction contractors.	5/6/25 25-10-080	Anticipate filing 1/6/26	Anticipate filing 4/21/26	Alicia Curry Field Services and Public Safety 360-902-6244
296-46B	Electrical rule updates	The purpose of this rule making is to adopt the latest national safety standards for the electrical rule in the state of Washington, and to update and clarify other sections in rule. The amendments under consideration include: • Adopting the 2026 edition of the National Fire Protection Agency 70, the National Electrical Code (NEC) by reference with a delayed effective date. • Amending the adopted NEC restriction for nonmetallic sheathed cable to allow calculations for minimum conductor sizes to be calculated at a higher temperature rating. • Clarifying the existing requirements for trainee hours of experience submittal.	5/6/25 25-10-083	Anticipate filing 9/2/25	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125
296-46B	Electrical rule: Installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (2025's SSB 5528 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to amend the electrical rule to implement 2SSB 5528 (chapter 233, Laws of 2025), concerning the installation of transportation electrification infrastructure. The legislation established requirements that electricians installing electric vehicle supply equipment on public works be certified by the electric vehicle infrastructure training program or similar nationally recognized program in order to complete the work.	Anticipate filing 8/5/25	Anticipate filing 10/21/25	Anticipate filing 1/6/26	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125
296-104	Boiler fee increases (FY27)	The purpose of this rule making is to consider amendments to the boiler rule. The amendments under consideration would increase fees by the fiscal growth factor to support operating expenses for L&I's boiler program.	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125
296-200A 296-150C 296-150F 296-150I 296-150M 296-150P 296-150R 296-150T 296-150V 296-46B 296-96	Public safety program fee increases (FY27)	The purpose of this rule making is to consider amendments to the rules for L&I's public safety programs: Contractor registration, electrical, elevator, and factory-assembled structures. The amendments under consideration would increase fees by the fiscal growth factor to support operating expenses for the programs in FY27.	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Meagan Edwards Field Services and Public Safety 360-522-0125
Division: Insurance Services						

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296-17 296-17A	Employment covered by RCW 51.32.187 (Department of Energy (DOE) Hanford site contractors)	The purpose of this rule making is to allow contractors of DOE working at the Hanford site to have their contractors and subcontractors covered under the state fund. L&I filed continuances on October 27 and November 6, 2020, ultimately extending the comment period to February 1, 2021. The CR-102 proposal was withdrawn (WSR 21-04-019) due to the need for more stakeholder involvement and coordination. L&I will continue working with stakeholders to refine the proposed rule amendments for potential future rule making.	3/3/20 20-06-060	9/22/20 20-19-132 (withdrawn) 10/27/20 20-22-038 11/6/20 20-23-017 (withdrawn)	To be determined	Jo Anne Attwood Employer Services 360-902-4777
296-17 296-17A	Higher education classifications and premium rates	The purpose of this rule making is to consider changes to Classification 4906 Institutions of higher learning. Classification development's goal is to fairly apply the workers' compensation insurance classifications and to ensure fair and equitable rates.	6/4/24 24-12-071	To be determined	To be determined	Jo Anne Attwood Employer Services 360-902-4777
296-17 296-17A	Reporting and classification amendments for 2026	The purpose of this rule making is to implement clear rule writing to ensure staff and customers can easily understand and apply the workers' compensation insurance classification and reporting rules. L&I's classification development studied some subclassifications for potential reduction in number, and reviewed classification and reporting rules for improvement and clarification. Also as part of this rule making, L&I intends to respond to legislation that may require implementation.	5/20/25 25-11-073	Anticipate filing 8/19/25	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	Jo Anne Attwood Employer Services 360-902-4777
296-17 296-17B	Industrial insurance premium rates 2026	The purpose of this rule making is to establish the premium rates and experience rating parameters for calendar year 2026.	6/17/25 25-13-100	Anticipate filing 9/16/25	Anticipate filing 11/26/25	Jo Anne Attwood Employer Services 360-902-4777
296-23	Corecording of independent medical examination (IME)	The purpose of this rule making was to establish sections in rule for corecording of IMEs by an IME provider upon consent from the worker. The CR-101 preproposal was withdrawn under WSR 25-12-089.	8/21/24 24-17-141 (withdrawn 6/3/25)	N/A	N/A	Troy Parks Health Services Analysis 360-902-6821
296-23	IME third-party recording (pilot rule making)	The purpose of this rule making was to establish sections in rule for third-party recordings of IMEs when a worker consents to allowing an independent third party to record the exam. L&I intended to use pilot rule making to develop the proposed rule sections to evaluate a process for the use of a third-party company to conduct and store recordings. The CR-101 preproposal was withdrawn under WSR 25-12-090.	8/21/24 24-17-142 (withdrawn 6/3/25)	N/A	N/A	Troy Parks Health Services Analysis 360-902-6821
296-20	Medical provider network requirements	The purpose of this rule making is to ensure clarity on the requirements for the medical provider network regarding providers continued expectation to maintain network requirements in order to remain approved network providers. Rule changes under consideration will clarify expectation that approved providers must maintain and adhere to all network standards, help L&I address provider noncompliance post enrollment more efficiently, and will hold all approved providers to the same standards, ensuring workers receive the best care possible.	7/1/25 25-14-097	Anticipate filing 9/2/25	Anticipate filing 12/1/25	Troy Parks Health Services Analysis 360-902-6821

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296-20 296-23	Medical aid rules— Conversion factors	The purpose of this rule making is to update rates for most professional health care services for injured workers, which are published annually in the medical aid rules and fee schedules.	Anticipate filing 12/2/25	Anticipate filing 3/17/26	Anticipate filing 5/5/26	Megan Lemon 360-902-5161 Marc Coercion 360-902-4244 Health Services Analysis
296-14	Pension discount rate (PDR) 2026	The purpose of this rule making is to lower PDR to better align with the rate of return for long-term treasuries for self-insured pensions. PDR is the interest rate used to account for the time value of money when evaluating the present value of future pension payments. This rule making anticipates lowering PDR for self-insured employers, effective April 1, 2026.	Anticipate filing 8/5/25	Anticipate filing 10/21/25	Anticipate filing 1/20/26	Suzu Campbell Legal Services 360-902-5003
296-23	Acupuncture	The purpose of this rule making is to consider amending WAC 296-23-238, which limits payment to a maximum of 10 visits based on L&I's review of safety and efficacy data for a low back condition. L&I is considering amending this section in order to have some flexibility to pay for a different number of visits for other conditions when acupuncture has been shown to be safe and effective for that condition per L&I review. The maximum number of visits could be taken out of rule and, instead, specified in the medical coverage decision for each condition.	8/20/24 24-17-126	To be determined	To be determined	Jami Lifka Office of the Medical Director 360-902-4941
296-17B	Retrospective rating for workers' compensation insurance	This rule making will address extending requirements for businesses that enroll in individual retro plans and revise enrollment requirements for businesses under common majority ownership.	11/5/13 13-22-071	To be determined	To be determined	Rachelle Bohler Retrospective Rating 360-902-5967
296-17B	Retrospective rating for workers' compensation insurance— Common ownership (pilot)	This pilot rule making will consider/ allow exceptions to the retroactive rating program's current common ownership rule (WAC 296-17B-770) as written.	8/5/15 15-16-132	To be determined	To be determined	Rachelle Bohler Retrospective Rating 360-902-5967
296-19A	Vocational rehabilitation: Training providers	The purpose of this rule making is to ensure clarity on the requirements and expectations for approved training providers.	Anticipate filing 11/18/25	To be determined	To be determined	Sarah Moran Return to Work Partnerships 360-902-6362
296-15	Self-insurance billing decertified municipal employers (2025's HB 1275 implementation)	The purpose of this rule making is to implement the provisions of HB 1275 (chapter 57, Laws of 2025). This bill establishes L&I's authority to ensure payment is received from the self-insured employer after a self-insured group or municipal employer has their self-insurer certification withdrawn.	Anticipate filing August 2025	To be determined	To be determined	Stephanie Scheurich Self-Insurance 360-902-5662

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SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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This report represents department rules under development at this time. There may be additional rule-making activity as the department responds to legislative actions, to comply with federal mandates, or to meet unforeseen circumstances.

**Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
July 1 - December 31, 2025**

WAC Sections	Purpose for Rule Making	CR-101 Filings	CR-102 Filings	CR-103E Filings
Home and Community Living Administration				
Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS)				
388-825-058, 388-825-082, 388-825-083, 388-828-9000, 388-828-9140, chapter 388-832, 388-845-0220, 388-845-0500, 388-845-0505, 388-845-0510, 388-845-2010	DDCS is amending rules from these chapters to update lists of available services, their names, descriptions, limits, and qualified providers, and to increase the individual and family service award amounts.	WSR: 24-02-034 Filed: 12/26/2023	WSR: 24-21-043 Filed: 10/8/2024	
Chapter 388-848	WAC 388-848-0010 through 388-848-0260; DDCS is adopting new sections of rule on an emergency basis to implement E2SSB 5440 (2023), which directs the department to develop a process for connecting individuals who have been found not competent to stand trial due to an intellectual or developmental disability to available wraparound services and supports in community-based settings.	WSR: 24-07-045 Filed: 3/14/2024		WSR: 25-14-031 Filed: 6/24/2025 WSR: 25-08-040 Filed: 3/27/2025 WSR: 24-24-092 Filed: 12/3/2024 WSR: 24-17-026 Filed: 8/12/2024 WSR: 24-15-010 Filed: 7/8/2024 WSR: 24-07-044 Filed: 3/13/2024

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Chapter 388-845	WAC 388-845-0113, 388-845-0210, 388-845-0215, 388-845-0220, 388-845-0225, 388-845-0230, 388-845-0820, 388-845-1150, 388-845-1870, 388-845-1880, 388-845-1890, 388-845-2005, 388-845-2205, and 388-845-2210; DDCS is enacting these changes on an emergency basis to implement changes to DDCS's home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	WSR: 25-05-034 Filed: 2/11/2025		WSR: 25-12-116 Filed: 6/4/2025 WSR: 25-05-020 Filed: 2/7/2025
388-833-0017, 388-833-0019	To establish a connection with the new certification chapter under development at DDCS and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-09-021 Filed: 4/7/2025	WSR: 25-13-019 Filed: 6/6/2025	
Chapter 388-845	Chapter 388-845 WAC and other related rules as may be required. Specifically, WAC 388-845-0900, 388-845-0910, and 388-845-2143.	WSR: 25-14-032 Filed: 6/24/2025		
388-825A-0040	Amending: How does an existing children's residential habilitation services, intensive habilitation services, or enhanced respite services provider obtain certification? Removing "[enter effective date of chapter]" and changing to "July 1, 2025."		CR-105 WSR: 25-15-105 Filed: 7/17/2025	
Home and Community Services Division				
388-112A-0118	What documentation is required for completion of each training?, related to documentation of facility orientation.	WSR: 24-03-107 Filed: 1/18/2024		
388-106-0010, 388-106-0090	The department is planning to amend "What definitions apply to this chapter?," "How does the CARE tool measure cognitive performance?," and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 24-13-075 Filed: 6/17/2024		
New chapter 388-05B	Electronic visit verification system requirements, and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 24-18-008 Filed: 8/22/2024		

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388-112A-0010, 388-112A-0600, 388-71-0836, 388-71-0985	The department is planning to amend WAC 388-71-0985 and 388-112A-0600. These sections are titled continuing education and what topics may be covered in continuing education? The purpose of these changes includes clarification, updating acceptable reasons for repeating continuing education courses, and other related rules as may be required. WAC 388-71-0836 and 388-112A-0010 were added at the CR-102 level.	WSR: 24-23-007 Filed: 11/7/2024	WSR: 25-12-059 Filed: 5/29/2025	
388-106-1700, 388-106-1705, 388-106-1720, 388-106-1740, 388-106-1750, 388-106-1760	The department is considering amendments to these and other related rules as appropriate. These rules are related to supportive housing programs that have been updated through an administrative process. They also need to be updated in WAC. Other necessary changes and corrections related to grammar, numerical representation, consistency, and inclusive language may also be included.	WSR: 25-04-110 Filed: 2/4/2025	WSR: 25-15-076 Filed: 7/15/2025	
388-106-0274	Are there limits to the assistive technology I may receive? Subsection (1)(c) Subscriptions, data plan charges, and ongoing recurring fees, and other related rules as may be needed.	WSR: 25-08-030 Filed: 3/26/2025	WSR: 25-15-074 Filed: 7/15/2025	
New chapter 388-106H	The department is considering creation of health related social needs (HRSN), and other related rules as required. These rules are related to HRSN services specified in Section 15.7 of the special terms and conditions of the Washington state Section 1115 medicaid demonstration waiver. During the course of this rule making, other related rules may be amended as necessary. This may include additional changes required to improve clarity or update policy.	WSR: 25-13-107 Filed: 6/18/2025		

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New 388-71-0897, 388-71-0899 Amending 388-71-0503, 388-71-0523, 388-71-0548, 388-71-0836, 388-71-0860, 388-71-0880, 388-71-0888, 388-71-0971, 388-71-0977, 388-71-1001	The department is planning to create "Who must compete the 21-hour basic training and by when must it be completed?" and "What is the 21-hour training?," based on ESHB 1142 (chapter 18, Laws of 2025). Additionally, the department is planning to amend chapter 388-71 WAC. Other changes necessary for implementation of ESHB 1142; changes and corrections related to numerical representation, consistency, and inclusive language may also be included. Other related rules may be amended as needed.	WSR: 25-14-066 Filed: 6/27/2025		
Management Services Division				
388-96-738	What default case mix group and weight must the department use for case mix grouping when there is no minimum data set resident assessment for a nursing facility resident?, and other related sections as necessary.	WSR: 24-14-072 Filed: 6/28/2024		
388-96-809	Change of ownership—Final reports—Settlement securities, and other related rules as may be necessary.	WSR: 24-20-126 Filed: 10/1/2024		
Residential Care Services Division				
Chapter 388-97	The department is proposing to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in "Nursing homes" related to tuberculosis screening.	WSR: 19-18-051 Filed: 8/30/2019		
Chapter 388-107	The department is planning to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in "Licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities" related to tuberculosis screening.	WSR: 19-18-059 Filed: 9/3/2019		
Chapter 388-76	The department is planning to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in "Adult family home minimum licensing requirements" related to tuberculosis screening.	WSR: 19-18-061 Filed: 9/3/2019		
Chapter 388-78A	The department is planning to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in "Assisted living facility licensing rules" related to tuberculosis screening.	WSR: 19-18-062 Filed: 9/3/2019		

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<p>388-97-0920, 388-97-1915, 388-97-1975</p>	<p>The department temporarily amended WAC 388-97-0120, 388-97-1000, 388-97-1020, 388-97-1915, and 388-97-1975 and temporarily repealed WAC 388-97-0920 to assure nursing homes were not significantly impeded from admitting and caring for residents during the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	<p>WSR: 21-11-062 Filed: 5/14/2021 WSR: 20-17-005 Filed: 8/5/2020</p>		<p>WSR: 23-03-048 Filed: 1/10/2023 WSR: 22-19-023 Filed: 9/13/2022 WSR: 22-11-078 Filed: 5/17/2022 WSR: 22-09-014 Filed: 4/11/2022 WSR: 22-01-166 Filed: 12/16/2021 WSR: 21-18-065 Filed: 8/26/2021 WSR: 21-11-018 Filed: 5/10/2021 WSR: 21-08-055 Filed: 4/5/2021 WSR: 21-01-035 Filed: 12/7/2020 WSR: 20-17-048 Filed: 8/11/2020 WSR: 20-09-074 Filed: 4/13/2020</p>
<p>388-97-1660</p>	<p>The department is considering amending staff and equipment, and other related rules as may be necessary to implement ESHB 1120 (chapter 203, Laws of 2021).</p>	<p>WSR: 21-14-051 Filed: 7/1/2021</p>		

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388-97-0140	The department is amending amendments to waive and suspend the requirement for nursing homes to suspend transfers and discharges pending the outcome of a resident appeal of the nursing home transfer or discharge decision. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to require more rapid transfers and discharges than the rule permits. This emergency rule waived the requirement for nursing homes to suspend transfers and discharges pending the outcome of a resident appeal hearing, and improved resident safety by allowing faster grouping of COVID-19 positive residents in one facility or grouping asymptomatic residents together. This helped expedite infection control processes and maximize the availability of nursing home beds. Also, WAC 388-97-0120 and 388-97-0130 added after SHS version .1.	WSR: 22-08-060 Filed: 4/4/2022		WSR: 23-07-108 Filed: 3/20/2023 WSR: 22-23-155 Filed: 11/22/2022 WSR: 22-16-063 Filed: 7/29/2022 WSR: 22-08-062 Filed: 4/4/2022 WSR: 22-01-072 Filed: 12/10/2021 WSR: 21-24-069 Filed: 11/30/2021
Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, 388-107	The department is considering amendments to implement specific sections to SHB 1218. The department may amend other related rules as necessary. The department is considering amending the rules to adopt requirements for providers to publicly post stop placement orders, adopt requirements for providers to create and maintain resident rosters as well as responding to requests from ombuds for roster information, incorporate new definition of resident representative, replace the phrase "his or her" with appropriate gender-neutral terms.	WSR: 22-04-046 Filed: 1/26/2022		

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Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, 388-107	The department is considering amendments to implement specific sections to SHB 1218. The department may amend other related rules as necessary to meet the legislative intent of SHB 1218. Amendments add requirements related to facility communication system, resident access to communications, and facility responsiveness to outside communications. Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, related policies and procedures, and equipment for a range of potential hazards, emergencies, and disasters. Visitation of essential support persons. Resident's rights to a safe and healthy environment.	WSR: 22-04-047 Filed: 1/26/2022	WSR: 25-10-071 Filed: 5/5/2025	
Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, 388-107	The department is considering adding new sections, repealing, and amending existing sections in "Adult family home minimum licensing requirements," "Assisted living facility licensing rules," "Nursing homes," "Licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities," and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 23-21-034 Filed: 10/6/2023		
Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-107	The department is considering amending the following rules, adding new sections, and amending other sections as needed: Adult family home (AFH) minimum licensing requirements; assisted living facility (ALF) licensing rules; and licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities (ESF). This proposal refiles the project previously filed as WSR 24-18-013 to clarify the scope of rule making. Amendments and new sections will address the need for a legally enforceable agreement between the operators of AFH, ESF, and ALF and residents in those settings whose care is paid through medicaid. Requirements for these agreements include the need to outline resident rights that include resident eviction processes and appeals related to transfer and discharge. This rule making is needed to comply with federal regulations 42 C.F.R. §§ 441.530 (a)(1)(vi)(A) and 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(A). This rule making will include other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 24-22-123 Filed: 11/5/2024	WSR: 25-11-012 Filed: 5/8/2025	

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<p>Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, 388-107</p>	<p>The department is considering amending and adding new sections to the following chapters and associated sections: AFH minimum licensing requirements: WAC 388-76-10000 Definitions, 388-76-10164 Background checks—Results—Duty to inform, and 388-76-10161 Background checks—Who is required to have. Assisted living facility licensing rules: WAC 388-78A-2020 Definitions, 388-78A-2465 Background check—Results—Inform, and 388-78A-2462 Background checks—Who is required to have. Nursing homes: WAC 388-97-0001 Definitions, Background check—Results—Inform, and 388-97-1800 Criminal history disclosure and background inquiries. Licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities: WAC 388-107-0001 Definitions, 388-107-1210 Background checks—Who is required to have, and 388-107-1240 Background check—Results—Inform. This rule making may result in adopting new sections of rule. As needed, amendments will also make changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations. Updates to other related rules may be required.</p>	<p>WSR: 25-11-052 Filed: 5/15/2025</p>		
<p>Chapter 388-78A</p>	<p>The department is considering amending sections in "Assisted living facility licensing rules" related to E2SSB 5337, chapter 187, Laws of 2025, Assisted living facilities—Memory care services. This rule making may result in adopting new sections of rule. The department may amend other related rules as necessary.</p>	<p>WSR: 25-12-025 Filed: 5/27/2025</p>		

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Chapter 388-76	<p>The department is considering amending WAC 388-76-10045 Licensing—Certain state employees and employee household members— Prohibited, 388-76-10120 License—Must be denied, 388-76-10125 License—May be denied, 388-76-10315 Resident record—Required, 388-76-10320 Resident record —Content, 388-76-10715 Doors —Ability to open, 388-76-10895 Emergency evacuation drills—Frequency and participation, and 388-76-10930 Plan of correction (POC)—Required. This rule making may result in adopting new sections of rule and repealing existing sections of rule. Updates to other related rules may be required. As needed, amendments will also make changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.</p>	<p>WSR: 25-14-041 Filed: 6/25/2025</p>		
<p>388-76-10440, 388-76-10450, 388-78A-2320, 388-78A-2250, 388-107-0320, 388-97-3780, 388-97-1300, 388-76-10450, 388-78A-2032</p>	<p>The department is seeking to correct references to repealed pharmacy codes in chapter 246-865 WAC, Pharmaceutical services—Extended care facility; and chapter 246-888 WAC, Medication assistance, in: Adult family homes: "Medication—Assessment— Identification of amount of assistance needed when taking medications" and "Medication— Self-administration with assistance." Assisted living facilities: "Intermittent nursing services systems" and "Alteration of medications." Enhanced services facilities: "Medication services." Nursing homes: "Pharmacies in new construction" and "Pharmacy services." The department is considering amending Medication—Self-administration with assistance, assisted living facility license not required; and other related rules as may be required to implement SHB 1720 (chapter 26, Laws of 2025).</p>	<p>WSR: 25-14-078 Filed: 6/30/2025</p>		
WA Cares Division				

WAC Sections	Purpose for Rule Making	CR-101 Filings	CR-102 Filings	CR-103E Filings
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating a new chapter for the long-term services and supports trust program (WA Cares). This rule making will address appeals of department decisions by beneficiaries, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-062 Filed: 1/30/2025		
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating rules a new chapter in Title 388 WAC for WA Cares. This rule making will address notifications to beneficiaries of department decisions, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-063 Filed: 1/30/2025		
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating a new chapter in Title 388 WAC for WA Cares. This rule making will address appeals of department decisions by providers, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-064 Filed: 1/30/2025		
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating a new chapter in Title 388 WAC for WA Cares. The rule making will address maximum rates for approved services provided by registered providers, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-065 Filed: 1/30/2025		
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating a new chapter in Title 388 WAC for WA Cares. The rule making will address reimbursements to beneficiaries for approved services permitted to be paid privately and reimbursed by the trust, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-066 Filed: 1/30/2025		
New chapter in Title 388	The department is creating a new chapter in Title 388 WAC for WA Cares. This rule making will address notifications to providers of department decisions, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-04-068 Filed: 1/31/2025		
New rules in Title 388	The department is creating rules for WA Cares. The rule making will address eligible relative care, which will be the third option for qualified family members to receive payment for personal care services, and other related rules as appropriate.	WSR: 25-08-051 Filed: 3/28/2025		

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388-116-1000, 388-116-1010, 388-116-2010, 388-116-2020, 388-116-3010, 388-116-3020, 388-116-3030, 388-116-3040, 388-116-3050, 388-116-3060, 388-116-3070	New WAC 388-116-1000, 388-116-1010, 388-116-2010, 388-116-2020, 388-116-3010, 388-116-3020, 388-116-3030, 388-116-3040, 388-116-3050, 388-116-3060, and 388-116-3070, combined at the CR-102 stage.	WSR: 24-04-030, 24-04-031, 24-04-032, 24-04-033	WSR: 25-13-096 Filed: 6/17/2025	
Behavioral Health Administration				
388-878-0010, 388-878-0020, 388-878-0030, 388-878-0040, 388-878-0050, 388-878-0051, 388-878-0060, 388-878-0070, 388-878-0080, 388-878-0090	The department is planning to amend chapter 388-878 WAC to develop rules for a leave of absence, amend the procedures for program removal and program end, and update definitions. The department may add new rules or amend other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 22-21-057 Filed: 10/12/2022	WSR: 25-11-089 Filed: 5/21/2025 WSR: 25-05-047 Filed: 2/12/2025 WSR: 24-16-107 Filed: 8/2/2024	
388-880-042, 388-880-043, 388-880-044, 388-880-045, 388-880-150, 388-880-151	Resident records—Purposes (amend), Resident records—Location and custody (amend), Resident records—Access (amend), Resident records—Retention (repeal), Requests for public disclosure (amend), Requests for resident medical information (amend), and possible other related sections in chapter 388-880 WAC as may be required.	WSR: 24-19-053 Filed: 9/12/2024		
388-825-091, 388-825-093, 388-825-094	In the 2025 legislative session, the legislature passed SSB 5393, closing Rainier School by June 30, 2027. This legislation directs that the department will not permit "any new long-term admissions" to Rainier School as of July 27, 2025, and no new admissions as of June 30, 2027, except those clients who have return rights as defined in the bill. These rules are necessary to set standard definitions and implement the legislation.	WSR: 25-15-137 Filed: 7/22/2025		WSR: 25-15-131 Filed: 7/22/2025
Economic Services Administration				
Community Services Division				

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388-400-0060, 388-400-0070, 388-449-0200, 388-449-0210, 388-474-0020	The department is planning to amend the following WAC sections: "Who is eligible for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?," "Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?," "Am I eligible for cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) while waiting for supplemental security income (SSI)?," "What is interim assistance and how do I assign it to the department?," "What can an aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance client expect when supplemental security income (SSI) benefits begin?," and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-01-079 Filed: 12/13/2024		
388-450-0070	The department is planning to amend WAC 388-450-0070 When do we count a child's income? and other rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-02-023 Filed: 12/18/2024	WSR: 25-15-098 Filed: 7/16/2025	
388-487-0010, 388-487-0020, 388-487-0030	The department is planning amendments to the following WAC sections: "What is the sun bucks program?," "Is my child eligible for sun bucks?," "General information about sun bucks benefits," and other related rules as may be needed.	WSR: 25-08-053 Filed: 3/28/2025		WSR: 25-12-077 Filed: 5/30/2025
388-400-0030, 388-466-0120	Effective May 5, 2025, the department is adopting emergency amendments to the following WAC sections: "Who is eligible for refugee cash assistance?" and "Refugee cash assistance (RCA)." These amendments are necessary to modify the eligibility period for refugee cash assistance as determined by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211 and F.R., Office of Refugee Resettlement; Notice of Change of Eligibility.	WSR: 25-10-072 Filed: 5/5/2025	WSR: 25-15-111 Filed: 7/18/2025	WSR: 25-10-065 Filed: 5/2/2025
388-410-0005	The department is planning to amend "Cash assistance overpayment amount and liability," and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-12-008 Filed: 5/21/2025		WSR: 25-14-064 Filed: 6/27/2025
388-400-0065	The department is planning to amend "Housing and essential needs (HEN)," and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-12-104 Filed: 6/4/2025		

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388-482-0005	The department is planning to amend "How does being a student of higher education affect my eligibility for the Washington basic food program?" and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-12-119 Filed: 6/4/2025		
388-412-0040	The department is planning to amend "Can I get my benefits replaced?" and other related rules as may be required.	WSR: 25-14-062 Filed: 6/26/2025		
Division of Child Support (DCS)				
388-14A-1020, 388-14A-4630	DCS is proposing to amend or add new sections in chapter 388-14A WAC to implement HB 1262 as enacted during the 2023 legislative session (chapter 248, Laws of 2023). HB 1262 establishes a requirement that employers report lump sum payments over \$500 if there is an income withholding order in place for the paying parent that includes child support arrears. This gives DCS time to send an income withholding order to collect from the lump sum payment and apply the funds to unpaid child support debts, and other related rules as may be necessary.	WSR: 25-09-060 Filed: 4/14/2025	WSR: 25-13-065 Filed: 6/13/2025	
Chapter 388-14A	DCS proposes to amend sections to implement section 1 of ESB 1014 (chapter 272, Laws of 2025) as enacted during the 2025 legislative session and other related rules as may be necessary. Section 1 of ESB 1014 amends RCW 26.19.065 to increase the self-support reserve from 125 percent of the one-person federal poverty guideline to 180 percent. Section 1 also clarifies that although each child is entitled to a pro rata share of income available for support, the court only applies the pro rata share to the children in the case before the court.	WSR: 25-11-067 Filed: 5/19/2025		
Executive				
Office of the Secretary				

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388-02-0217	The department is considering amending "When do ALJs conduct the hearing and enter the hearing decision as an initial order or a final order?" and other related rules as may be required to clarify the general hearing rules of the board of appeals at the department. During this rule making, the department may make additional changes that are necessary to improve clarity.	WSR: 24-14-118 Filed: 7/2/2024		
388-02-0015, 388-02-0025, 388-02-0030, 388-02-0130, 388-02-0135, 388-02-0140, 388-02-0200, 388-02-0218, 388-02-0220, 388-02-0245	Department hearing rules amendments and housekeeping updates. The purpose of these housekeeping changes is to update addresses, phone numbers, and other changed or obsolete language.		CR-105 WSR: 25-09-042 Filed: 4/9/2025	

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WSR 25-17-007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

[Filed August 7, 2025, 12:05 p.m.]

Following is the schedule of our regular meeting for the women's commission for January 2026:

Date	Time	Location
1/9/2026	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	In person (Olympia), to be announced

If you need further information, contact Women's Commission, P.O. Box 43126, Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-902-0382, email wswc@wswc.wa.gov, website <https://wswc.wa.gov/>.

WSR 25-17-010

AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Reviser's note: The material contained in this filing exceeded the page-count limitations of WAC 1-21-040 for appearance in this issue of the Register. It will appear in the [25-18](#) issue of the Register.

WSR 25-17-011
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
[Filed August 8, 2025, 8:24 a.m.]

Technical Assistance Advisory (TAA) 2025-01¹

TO: All health carriers operating in the state of Washington.
FROM: Insurance Commissioner, Patty Kuderer.
DATE: August 8, 2025.
SUBJECT: Implementation of chapter 389, Laws of 2025.

The purpose of this TAA is to provide guidance related to the implementation of SSB 5579 (chapter 389, Laws of 2025), an act relating to prohibiting health carriers, facilities, and providers from making any public statements of any potential or planned contract termination until 45 days before the termination date, unless disclosure satisfies a legal obligation. Several key provisions of the law take effect as of July 27, 2025, while others become effective at later dates.

Background: To offer health plans in Washington state, health carriers must meet network access standards established by the office of the insurance commissioner (OIC).² Health carriers establish their provider networks by entering into contracts with a broad range of health care providers and facilities. Washington state law establishes standards for health carrier/provider contracting, including: Terms and conditions of payment; standards for parties to a contract to notify the other party of contract termination without cause; requirements for carriers to notify OIC when they receive a notice of a potential contract termination from a provider or facility; and standards for carriers to provide health plan enrollees advance notice of a potential contract termination.³

Health carrier contracts with hospitals, health systems, and other health care providers are often multiyear contracts. Over the past two years, OIC has observed an increasing trend of mid-term contract termination notices, with 48 notices issued between July 2023 and July 2025. Notice of contract termination initiates negotiations between the parties to the contract. During this period, it is not unusual for parties to the contract to communicate publicly, whether through op-eds in local newspapers, press releases, websites, communication with legislators, or communication with enrollees or patients.⁴

The legislature enacted SSB 5579 (chapter 389, Laws of 2025), finding that public communications and notices to health plan members by carriers, health care providers, or health care facilities during contract negotiations have raised concerns for enrollees, patients, and affected communities.⁵ The legislature's stated intent for enacting the new law is to provide consistent policies for communication with enrollees and affected communities regarding potential contract terminations.⁶ The law applies to fully insured health plans regulated by OIC, as well as health plans offered to state and public school employees and retirees through the public employee benefits board and school employees benefits board programs under chapter 41.05 RCW.⁷

Recently, carriers and providers have contacted OIC to inquire about when the provisions of the bill take effect.

Authority: Section 2 (1) through (3), chapter 389, Laws of 2025, provides as follows:

(1) In the case of a provider contract that is expiring by its own terms or for which one party has given notice to the other party

of an intended termination without cause in accordance with the terms of the provider contract, neither the health care provider, the health care facility, any health care provider employed by, contracted with, or otherwise affiliated with the facility, nor the carrier may make or cause to be made public statements, including by directly communicating with impacted health plan enrollees and patients, regarding such expiration or termination until 45 days prior to the termination date, unless: (a) The disclosure is required to satisfy a specific legal obligation; or (b) the expiration or termination has already been disclosed publicly because of a legal obligation. Communications exclusively with the governor, legislators, or state agency staff regarding a potential or intended contract termination do not constitute a public statement.

(2) Nothing in this section requires a carrier, health care facility, or health care provider to provide notice of a potential termination to enrollees, unless required to do so as a regulatory or legal requirement.

(3) Public statements or communication with health plan enrollees or patients by a carrier, health care facility, or health care provider may not occur prior to the date the carrier, health care facility, or health care provider has given written notice of the termination to the other party, unless agreed upon by both parties.

Section 2(4) directs OIC, in consultation with health carriers, health care providers, health care facilities, and consumers, to develop standard template language for notices sent to health plan enrollees and patients by health carriers, health care facilities, or health care providers by December 1, 2025. The minimum required elements of the notice template are clearly stated in statute. Section 2(5) directs OIC to ensure carriers include the requirements in section 2 of the act in all provider contracts by January 1, 2027. Section 2(6) authorizes OIC to enforce the provisions of the act related to carriers beginning January 1, 2026. It also gives OIC authority to submit information regarding potential violations of section 2 to the department of health or the applicable health profession disciplinary authority.

Analysis: There are various dates that impact compliance with this statute. Statutes that do not include a specific effective date are effective 90 days after the legislature adjourns. The legislature did not impose a specific effective date for any provision of SSB 5579. Therefore, the substantive provisions of SSB 5579, including section 2, went into effect on July 27, 2025, and are in effect now. This includes section 2(1) of the law, which prohibits a health care provider, health care facility, or carrier from making or causing to be made public statements, including by directly communicating with impacted health plan enrollees and patients, regarding such expiration or termination until 45 days before the contract termination date when one party has given notice to the other of an intended contract termination without cause. It also includes section 2(3) that prohibits public statements or communication with health plan enrollees or patients by a carrier, health care facility, or health care provider before the date the carrier, health care facility, or health care provider has given written notice of the termination to the other party, unless agreed upon by both parties.

As directed by the legislature in section 2(4) of the law, OIC is developing standard template language for consumer notices regarding potential contract termination or expiration that carriers and providers can use without needing to obtain OIC's prior approval. Section 2

(4)(b) establishes the minimum information that must be included in any notice developed pursuant to section 2(4). OIC will be distributing drafts of the template language for public comment and review and will finalize the template language on or before December 1, 2025, as required by statute. Notices developed pursuant to section 2(4) of the law must include, at a minimum:

(i) A reference to the specific facility or facilities by name that would be affected by the potential contract termination or expiration, and an indication of whether the potential termination or expiration would apply to hospital-based providers;

(ii) Direction to enrollees related to appointments that are scheduled past the date of the potential contract termination or expiration date; and

(iii) Information concerning the enrollee's continuity of care rights pursuant to the federal No Surprises Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 300gg-111.

As directed by section 2(6), OIC will forebear initiating any enforcement action against a carrier until January 1, 2026. Similarly, OIC will not provide any formal referrals to health care providers' licensing authorities until January 1, 2026. OIC will provide informational notices to carriers and providers if OIC discovers violations of the provisions in section 2 that occur or occurred between July 27, 2025, and January 1, 2026. **Any informational notices issued by OIC will be public records and may be subject to disclosure.**

Conclusion: Because there is no other effective date clause in SSB 5579, the substantive provisions of the act, including section 2, went into effect on July 27, 2025. Although OIC will forebear initiating any enforcement action against a carrier, or any formal referral to a health care provider's licensing authority until January 1, 2026, the commissioner will provide informational notices to carriers and providers if the commissioner discovers violations of the provisions in section 2 that occur between now and January 1, 2026. The commissioner will distribute drafts of the enrollee/patient notice template language for public comment and review, and will finalize the template language on or before December 1, 2025.

Please direct any questions about this advisory to Jennifer Kreitler, email Jennifer.Kreitler@oic.wa.gov, or phone 360-725-7127.

1 This advisory is an interpretive policy statement released to advise the public of OIC's current opinions, approaches, and likely courses of action. It is advisory only. RCW 34.05.230(1).

2 Chapter 284-170 WAC, Subchapter B.
3 WAC 284-170-401; WAC 284-170-421.

4 See, e.g. "Information about Providence's negotiation with Regence and Asuris in Washington State," March 31, 2025; "Samaritan Healthcare ends contract with Premera amidst ongoing rate dispute," Sept. 8, 2023.

5 Section 1 of chapter 389, Laws of 2025.

6 *Id.*

7 This law does not apply to a provider contract that is expiring or being terminated by an independent individual provider or single-specialty or multispecialty group practice of five or fewer providers. Section 2(8), chapter 389, Laws of 2025.

WSR 25-17-013
POLICY STATEMENT
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
(Public Employees Benefits Board)
[Filed August 8, 2025, 3:06 p.m.]

The following is a list of administrative policies published by the public employees benefits board (PEBB) program. These policies are effective January 1, 2026. You can download the complete policy statements on the PEBB program rules and policies web page at hca.wa.gov/pebb-rules.

The following policies were amended to support the PEBB program:

Policy 11-1: Providing a notice to an employee and a state agency. This policy clarifies the requirements of a state agency-to-employee and employee-to-state agency notice, as stated in WAC 182-12-113(2), and RCW 41.05.009(2) and 41.05.065 (4)(c)(iii), (iv), and (v).

Policy 11-3: Correcting employing agency and contracted vendor enrollment errors. This policy clarifies the requirements placed on an employing agency or contracted vendor when they correct their own enrollment errors as described in WAC 182-08-187.

Policy 21-1: Exemption from the retiree deferral form requirement. This policy exempts certain retirees and survivors from the deferral form requirement.

Policy 26-1: Administering PEBB retiree medical plan enrollment in coordination with another medicare plan. This policy administers PEBB program retiree medical plan enrollment in coordination with another medicare plan.

Policy 45-2: Special open enrollment (SOE). This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests an enrollment change or election change outside of the PEBB annual open enrollment period.

Addendum 45-2A: SOE matrix: Summary of permitted election changes.

Policy 60-1: Required appeals related documents when the PEBB program conducts a brief adjudicative proceeding. This policy clarifies what particular documents are required from an employing agency or contracted vendor when the PEBB program is conducting a brief adjudicative proceeding at the request of one of its employees or subscribers.

Policy 91-3: Washington wellness worksite designation program incentive requirements. This policy provides a set of requirements for state agencies to use when offering wellness incentives under the Washington wellness worksite designation program.

To receive a hard copy of the policy statements, contact Leanne Clark at P.O. Box 42684, Olympia, WA 98504-2684, or email HCAPEBSEBBoardPolicyFeedback@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 25-17-014

POLICY STATEMENT

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

(School Employees Benefits Board)

[Filed August 8, 2025, 3:06 p.m.]

The following is a list of administrative policies published by the school employees benefits board (SEBB) program. These policies are effective January 1, 2026. You can download the complete policy statements on the SEBB program rules and policies web page at hca.wa.gov/sebb-rules.

The following policies were amended to support the SEBB program:

Policy 11-1: Providing a notice to a school employee. This policy clarifies the requirements of a SEBB organization-to-school employee notice, as stated in WAC 182-31-030(2) and RCW 41.05.009(2).

Policy 11-3: Correcting SEBB organization and contracted vendor enrollment errors. This policy clarifies the requirements placed on a SEBB organization or contracted vendor when they correct their own enrollment errors as described in WAC 182-30-060.

Policy 45-2: Special open enrollment (SOE). This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests an enrollment change or election change outside of the SEBB annual open enrollment period.

Addendum 45-2A: SOE matrix: Summary of permitted election changes.

Policy 60-1: Required appeals related documents when the SEBB program conducts a brief adjudicative proceeding. This policy clarifies what particular documents are required from a SEBB organization or contracted vendor when the SEBB program is conducting a brief adjudicative proceeding at the request of one of its school employees or subscribers.

Policy 91-3: Washington wellness worksite designation program incentive requirements. This policy provides a set of requirements for the SEBB organizations to use when offering wellness incentives under the Washington wellness worksite designation program.

WSR 25-17-029

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

OLYMPIC COLLEGE

[Filed August 12, 2025, 6:42 p.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.075, the regular meetings of the board of trustees of Olympic College (OC), District Three, has changed the following regular meetings:

From: September 16, 2025.

To: September 9, 2025.

From: October 21, 2025.

To: October 14, 2025.

Location Change: June 16, 2026.

From: OC Poulsbo, Building P1-219, 100 Olympic College Place N.W., Poulsbo, WA 98370.

To: OC Bremerton, Building 4, Room 129, 1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337.

The reason for the date and location changes is to accommodate the necessary dates and actions required by the board of trustees for the current and ongoing OC presidential search process. If you need further information, contact Renee Lafreniere, Chief of Staff, 1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337, 360-475-7102, or rlafreniere@olympic.edu.

WSR 25-17-033
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Transition Council)
[Filed August 13, 2025, 11:37 a.m.]

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., virtually via Zoom, Meeting ID 865 5520 6789, Passcode 648651; Phone 1-253-215-8782.

To request a reasonable accommodation such as an American Sign Language interpreter, a spoken language interpreter, or to provide a written comment, please contact the Washington state transition council by emailing DVRSchooltoWork@dshs.wa.gov no later than Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

**WSR 25-17-035
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(Certified Counselors and Hypnotherapist Advisory Committee)
[Filed August 13, 2025, 1:49 p.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the approved schedule of regular meetings for the certified counselors and hypnotherapist advisory committee (committee), for the year 2026. The committee's meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice; please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via listserv and the committee's website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the committee reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
Friday January 23, 2026	Hybrid: Physical Location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via Microsoft (MS) Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday April 10, 2026	Hybrid: Physical Location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday July 17, 2026	Hybrid: Physical Location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday October 9, 2026	Hybrid: Physical Location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.

Start time is 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Time and locations are subject to change as needed. See the certified counselors and hypnotherapists advisory committee, Washington state department of health, for the most current information.

If you need further information, contact Carmen Leso, Program Manager, Washington State Department of Health, Office of Health Professions, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-742-1463, email carmen.leso@doh.wa.gov, web www.doh.wa.gov.

Please be advised the committee is required to comply with the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the committee, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 25-17-036

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Substance Use Disorder Professional Certification Advisory Committee)

[Filed August 13, 2025, 1:50 p.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), following is the schedule of regular meetings for the substance use disorder certification advisory committee (committee) for the year 2026. The committee's meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advanced notice; please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via listserv and the committee's website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the committee reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
Friday February 6, 2026	Hybrid: Physical location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via Microsoft (MS) Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday June 13, 2026 (joint meeting with licensed counselors)	Hybrid: Physical location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday October 2, 2026	Hybrid: Physical location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Friday December 4, 2026	Hybrid: Physical location: Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Town Center 2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98504 Virtual via MS Teams meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.

Start time is 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Time and locations are subject to change as needed. See the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee | Washington State Department of Health for the most current information.

If you need further information, contact Claire Wilson, Program Manager, Washington State Department of Health, Office of Health Professions, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 564-669-0392, email Claire.Wilson@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Please be advised, the committee is required to comply with the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the committee, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 25-17-038

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed August 13, 2025, 3:02 p.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting[s] Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the schedule of regular meetings for the department of health (DOH), pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission) for the year 2026. The commission meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice; please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via email list and the DOH website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the commission reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

Date	Time	Location
February 5, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and Labor and Industries (L&I) 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501
April 2, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501
May 28, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501
July 23, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501
September 17, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501
November 5, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom and Capital Region, ESD 113 6005 Tyee Drive S.W. Tumwater, WA 98512
December 17, 2026	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Zoom and L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501

If you need additional information, contact Julia Katz, Health Services Consultant 4, DOH, Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-890-0720, fax 360-236-2260, email wspqac@doh.wa.gov, web www.doh.wa.gov.

Please be advised the commission is required to comply with the Public Disclosure [Records] Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the commission, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 25-17-039

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

[Filed August 13, 2025, 3:46 p.m.]

Regular meetings of the Central Washington University board of trustees will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the Central Washington University Ellensburg campus or via Zoom, except where noted, on the following dates:

October 16-17, 2025

February 19-20, 2026

May 21-22, 2026

July 16-17, 2026 (annual planning retreat)

WSR 25-17-040
POLICY STATEMENT
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS
BOARD

[Filed August 13, 2025, 4:22 p.m.]

Title: Legislative Implementation 2SHB 1515, Fees and Application Information (PS25-01).

Effective Date: August 27, 2025.

Contact Information: Kalyrn Gubbe, liquor and cannabis board (LCB), phone 360-664-1728, email ExpandedAlcoholService@lcb.wa.gov.

Brief Summary: This policy statement provides guidance to entities applying for an expanded alcohol service authorization pursuant to 2SHB 1515, chapter 361, Laws of 2025, during the interim between the law's effective date on July 27, 2025, and the adoption of rules by LCB, anticipated to occur by late 2025 or early 2026.

Access the document at <https://lcb.wa.gov/laws/current-rulemaking-activity>.

**WSR 25-17-046
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
STATE INDEPENDENT
LIVING COUNCIL**

[Filed August 14, 2025, 10:57 a.m.]

Proposed meeting dates for 2025 (Thursday/Friday) :

January 23/24 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual only	April 24/25 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual only	July 10/11 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual only	October 23/24 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hybrid Zoom; and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Headquarters 4565 7th Avenue S.E. Lacey, WA 98503
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WSR 25-17-047
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
SEATTLE COLLEGES
 [Filed August 14, 2025, 11:13 a.m.]

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
September 2025 - July 2026

Date	Address
Thursday, September 11, 2025	9600 College Way North Seattle, WA 98103
Thursday, October 9, 2025	1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122
Thursday, November 6, 2025	6000 N.E. 16th Avenue Seattle, WA 98106
Thursday, December 11, 2025	9600 College Way North Seattle, WA 98103
Thursday, January 8, 2026	1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122
Thursday, February 12, 2026	6000 N.E. 16th Avenue Seattle, WA 98106
Thursday, March 12, 2026	9600 College Way North Seattle, WA 98103
Thursday, April 9, 2026	1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122
Thursday, May 14, 2026	6000 N.E. 16th Avenue Seattle, WA 98106
Thursday, June 11, 2026	9600 College Way North Seattle, WA 98103
Thursday, July 9, 2026	1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122

WSR 25-17-049

PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Filed August 14, 2025, 11:31 a.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 42.56.580, the public records officer for the Washington state department of commerce is Forrest Buckallew, 1011 Plum Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-725-2733, email forrest.buckallew@commerce.wa.gov.

Forrest Buckallew
Public Disclosure Officer

WSR 25-17-051
INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
[Filed August 14, 2025, 2:03 p.m.]

Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement

In accordance with RCW 34.05.230(12), following is a list of policy and interpretive statements issues by the department of social and health services.

Economic Services Administration
Division of Child Support (DCS)

Document Title: DCS AP 10.13.0: Digital and Physical Media Protection.

Subject: DCS Administrative Policy (AP) 10.13.0.

Effective Date: August 12, 2025.

Document Description: This DCS AP explains requirements for protecting digital and physical media.

To receive a copy of the interpretive or policy statements, contact Rachel Shaddox, DCS, P.O. Box 11520, Tacoma, WA 98411-5520, phone 360-664-5073, TTY 360-753-9122, fax 360-664-5342, email Rachel.Shaddox@dshs.wa.gov, website <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support>.

WSR 25-17-052
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
 (Apprenticeship and Training Council)
 [Filed August 14, 2025, 3:37 p.m.]

Pursuant to chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act, the location of the October 2025 Washington state apprenticeship and training council (WSATC) and the WSATC compliance review and retention subcommittee (CRRS) meetings have been updated.

WSATC Regular Meeting:

Date	Time	Location
October 16, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Greater Western Washington Pipe Trades Training Center 8501 Zenith Court N.E. Lacey, WA 98516

CRRS Meeting:

Date	Time	Location
October 15, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Greater Western Washington Pipe Trades Training Center 8501 Zenith Court N.E. Lacey, WA 98516

For meeting information including agendas, minutes, and any meeting updates, visit the department of labor and industries website at <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/wsatc>. If you have any questions, contact Teri Gardner, program specialist 3, 360-790-8659, Teri.Gardner@Lni.wa.gov or Apprentice@Lni.wa.gov.

WSR 25-17-053
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
CENTRALIA COLLEGE
[Filed August 14, 2026, 3:46 p.m.]

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Schedule for 2026

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, January 8, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, February 12, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, March 12, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, April 9, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Centralia College East
Thursday, May 14, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, June 11, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, August 13, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, September 10, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, October 8, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, November 12, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, December 10, 2026	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom

WSR 25-17-062
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
 [Filed August 16, 2025, 12:00 a.m.]

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Location (Zoom)
Associated Students of Washington State University Global (ASWSUG) executive board meeting	1/6/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	1/13/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	1/20/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	1/27/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	2/3/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	2/10/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	2/17/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	2/24/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	3/3/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	3/10/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	3/17/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	3/24/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	3/31/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKaqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Location (Zoom)
ASWSUG executive board meeting	4/7/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	4/14/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	4/21/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	4/28/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	5/5/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1
ASWSUG executive board meeting	5/12/2026 on Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30 p.m. PST [PDT]	https://wsu.zoom.us/j/93976641920?pwd=bKrBKAqk40YruPdcc0juQoKnscxObf.1

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AGENDA

**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

[Filed August 18, 2025, 12:16 p.m.]

**Rules Development Agenda
July - December 2025**

WAC CHAPTER OR SECTION	PURPOSE OF RULE BEING DEVELOPED OR AMENDED
New rule	Regarding trespass violations
332-08-215 and 332-08-225	Update position titles and region address

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RULES COORDINATOR
SOUTHWEST CLEAN
AIR AGENCY

[Filed August 19, 2025, 8:19 a.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.312, the rules coordinator for the Southwest Clean Air Agency is Wess Safford, 5101 N.E. 82nd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98662, 360-574-3058 ext. 126, wess@swcleanair.gov.

Wess Safford
Air Quality Engineer II

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AGENDA

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

[Filed August 19, 2025, 8:56 a.m.]

**Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
July 1 to December 31, 2025**

Following is the Washington military department's semi-annual rule-making agenda for publication in the Washington State Register pursuant to RCW 34.05.314.

If you have questions about the agenda, contact Cynthia Whaley, Military Department Rules Coordinator, at Building 1, Camp Murray, WA 98430, phone 253-512-8110, email cynthia.whaley@mil.wa.gov.

WAC Citation	Subject Matter	Agency Contact	Current Activity		
			CR-101	CR-102	CR-103
Chapter 118-04	Updating the rules to the emergency worker program.	Amy Albritton 253-921-3502 amy.albritton@mil.wa.gov	7/11/2024	7/30/2025	To be determined
Chapter 118-30	Updating the rules to the local emergency management/services organizations, plans and programs.	Alexa Bach 253-337-1123 alexa.bach@mil.wa.gov	7/30/2024	1/7/2025	3/20/2025
Chapter 118-40	Updating the rules to the hazardous chemical emergency response planning and community right-to-know reporting.	Alexa Bach 253-337-1123 alexa.bach@mil.wa.gov	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Chapter 323-10	To establish the procedures the military department will follow in order to provide full access to public records.	Cynthia Whaley 253-512-8110 cynthia.whaley@mil.wa.gov	2/23/2022	4/14/2022	6/21/2022
Chapters 118-66, 118-67, 118-68	Modernization of the 911 system.	Adam Wasserman 253-512-7468 adam.wasserman@mil.wa.gov	10/5/2023	4/4/2024	6/7/2024
Chapter 118-11	To add a state disaster individual assistance chapter to the Title 118 WAC.	Taylor Dietz 253-302-1338 Taylor.Dietz@mil.wa.gov	7/26/2023	5/7/2024	8/27/2024

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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

[Filed August 19, 2025, 3:53 p.m.]

Public Notice: Announcing the Draft Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit for Review and Comment

The Washington state department of ecology (ecology) proposes to reissue the aquatic plant and algae management (APAM) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and state waste discharge general permit. The current permit was last issued in March 2021, and is scheduled to expire March 21, 2026. The draft general permit, fact sheet explaining the legal and technical basis for the permit, economic impact analysis, and a copy of the proposed application for coverage are now available on the permit web page.¹ The public is invited to review and comment on the draft general permit from 9:00 a.m., September 10, 2025, through 11:59 p.m., October 24, 2025. Ecology staff will host two virtual public meetings and hearings on the draft permit.

Purpose of the Permit: The APAM general permit provides coverage for the chemical treatments of aquatic noxious weeds, native nuisance plants, algae, and phosphorous. This permit protects Washington's waters and aquatic life by controlling the discharge of pollutants into fresh water (lakes, streams, and rivers) or along shorelines, roadsides, dikes/levees, and ditch banks. Under the authority of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 U.S.C. Section 1251, and the State Water Pollution Control Act, chapter 90.48 RCW, a permit is required for the discharge of wastewaters either directly or indirectly to waters of the state.

Economic Impact: Ecology evaluated the potential economic impacts of this permit, specifically looking at whether it disproportionately affects small businesses. Current permittees are a mix of small businesses, individuals, and public entities. The report concluded that the permit does not impose disproportionate costs on small versus large aquatic pesticide permittee businesses. The full economic impact analysis document is available on the permit web page.¹

Applying for Coverage Under the Permit: Facilities that are covered under the existing permit, and have submitted a renewal for their coverage by September 22, 2025, will have coverage under the new permit. New or unpermitted facilities may obtain coverage under the permit by submitting a complete permit application to ecology and satisfying all applicable public notice and State Environmental Policy Act requirements (WAC 173-226-200). Access to the application is available online.¹

Copies of the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet: The draft permit, fact sheet, and related documents are available online.¹ You may also request hard copies from Jackie Lince, jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov, 360-407-6600.

Submitting Comments: Ecology will accept comments on the draft permit from 9:00 a.m. September 10, 2025, until 11:59 p.m., October 24, 2025. Ecology prefers online comment submission. Written comments by mail must be postmarked by October 24, 2025. Comments should reference specific permit text when possible.

You can submit written comments in the following ways:

- Online² (preferred method).

- By U.S. mail (postmarked by October 24, 2025) to Shawn Ultican, Washington Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696.
- At one of our hearings.

Public Meetings and Hearings: Ecology staff will host two online public meetings in October. During these meetings, an informational presentation will help explain the draft permit's proposed changes. A question and answer session will follow, then ecology will host a formal public hearing. The public hearing is an opportunity for formal spoken testimony on the draft permit. It will end when testimony is done. Spoken testimony will receive the same consideration as written comments.

Evening Public Meeting and Hearing: On October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom webinar. Register in advance at <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/4vZcTtvATjG0erYl2KvOvg>.

Afternoon Public Meeting and Hearing: On October 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., via Zoom webinar. Register in advance at <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/auGvrVlZQZeallTNSWmNOQ>.

After ecology receives and considers all public comments, we will make a final decision on permit issuance. Ecology expects to make a decision on the general permit in February 2026.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility: To request an ADA accommodation, contact ecology at 360-407-6600, email shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov, or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For relay service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.

En Español: Para información en Español, por favor comuníquese con Shawn Ultican al 360-870-3492.

Translation: To request this document in another language, please contact Shawn Ultican, at 360-407-6600 (water quality program reception) and ask for an interpreter, or email shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov.

If you have questions, contact Shawn Ultican, shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov, 360-407-6600.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/aquaticplants>

² <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com?id=cD78kmbT9>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

PENINSULA COLLEGE

[Filed August 19, 2025, 6:45 p.m.]

Following is the schedule of the Peninsula College regular meeting and board retreat for 2025:

Date	Time	Location
September 2, 2025	8:30 a.m.	Port Angeles, Cornaby Center

If you need further information, contact Trisha Haggerty, Executive Assistant to the President, 1502 E. Lauridsen Boulevard, Port Angeles, WA 98362, 360-417-6201, thaggerty@pencol.edu, website <https://pencoledu.community.highbond.com/Portal/>.

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RULES COORDINATOR

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

[Filed August 20, 2025, 10:12 a.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.312, and effective August 13, 2025, the rules coordinator for the Washington state conservation commission is Bill Eller, Special Projects Coordinator, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503, fax 360-407-6215, mobile 509-385-7512, email beller@scc.wa.gov.

James Thompson
Executive Director

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE**

(Salmon Recovery Funding Board)

[Filed August 20, 2025, 10:14 a.m.]

The salmon recovery funding board is changing the date of the regular quarterly meeting scheduled for September 16 - 17, 2025.

FROM: September 16 - 17, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 172, Natural Resource Building, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501; or online via Zoom.

TO: September 16, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 172, Natural Resource Building, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501; or online via Zoom.

For further information, please contact Julia McNamara, julia.mcnamara@rco.wa.gov or check the recreation and conservation office's (RCO) web page at Meetings - RCO (wa.gov).

RCO schedules all public meetings at barrier-free sites. Persons who need special assistance may contact Megan Montgomery at 360-902-3079 or email Megan.Montgomery@rco.wa.gov.