WSR 21-15-118 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION [Filed July 21, 2021, 9:49 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 392-194 WAC, School personnel certificate fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.410.062.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is considering rule making concerning fees for processing initial educator and paraprofessional certificate applications and subsequent actions. The proposed revisions being considered are needed to adjust the processing fee to adequately support and maintain the operations of OSPI's professional certification office. Current staffing is not adequate to sufficiently process educator applications in a timely manner to meet school district and applicant needs.

Process for Developing New Rule: OSPI's professional certification office has undergone monthly and annual revenue and spending projection plan reviews to determine the sustainability of the office duties under current fees. Early solicitation of public comments and recommendations respecting new, amended, or repealed rules, and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting David E. Kinnunen, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6400, fax 360-586-0145, TTY 360-664-3631, email David.Kinnunen@k12.wa.us, website k12.wa.us.

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