WSR 21-18-001 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES [Filed August 18, 2021, 1:18 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering adding a new section in chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult family home minimum licensing requirements, and amending other related rules as may be necessary to implement ESHB 1120 (chapter 203, Laws of 2021).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 70.128.040 Adoption of rules-Negotiated rule making-Specialty license.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making is necessary to implement ESHB 1120 (chapter 203, Laws of 2021). The amendments to chapter 388-76 WAC will reestablish inspection timelines and identify the period of time that inspections were held in suspension during the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with Governor's Proclamation 20-18.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making. Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Libby Wagner, Policy Program Manager, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98513, phone 360-464-0487, fax 360-725-3224, email

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