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(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 388-103-0001 What definitions apply to this chapter?; other related rules as appropriate. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.34.165.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The definition of abuse in RCW 74.34.020 was amended by E2SHB 1320 in the 2021 legislative session (chapter 215, Laws of 2021) to include reckless. The department plans to add a definition of reckless to WAC 388-103-0001. During this review, the agency may identify additional related rules or additional changes that are required to improve clarity or remove ambiguity.

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

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Arielle Finney, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-485-7784, fax 360-438-8633, TTY 800-833-6388, email Arielle.Finney@dshs.wa.gov.

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