

WSR 22-07-045
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Revision of rules that govern agency practice and procedures in all types of cases, including representation cases, unit clarification cases, unfair labor practice cases, impasse resolution cases, grievance arbitration cases, and grievance mediation cases as well as public records requests.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080, 49.39.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Agency rules need revision to streamline agency procedures and to reflect changes of agency practice based upon recent agency case law. Rules are also needed to implement chapter 13, Laws of 2021 (SB 5055), which requires the agency to maintain a law enforcement disciplinary grievance arbitration roster.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state or federal agency regulates this subject with respect to Washington public employees.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency staff intend to bring representatives from both labor and management together in a series of focus groups to discuss possible amendments to agency rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dario de la Rosa, 112 North Henry Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40919, Olympia, WA 98504-0919, phone 360-570-7328, fax 360-570-7334, email dario.delarosa@perc.wa.gov, website www.perc.wa.gov.

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