WSR 22-17-123 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING [Filed August 23, 2022, 9:08 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 308-12-205 Architect fees. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.24.086 Fee policy for professions, occupations, and businesses —Determination by rule and 43.24.023 Rule-making authority.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is required to set fees for each professional, occupational, or business licensing program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that program. This program last saw an increase in fees in 2017. Current fees are insufficient to sustain these programs. The department is considering fee increases that would go into effect November of 2022.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

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 Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-3846.

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