

WSR 22-19-088
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The office of administrative hearings (OAH) is proposing to amend chapter 10-24 WAC relating to accommodations for people with disabilities.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 34.05.250, 34.12.030, and 34.12.080; Title II of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; chapter 49.60 RCW, Washington law against discrimination.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To ensure that OAH's accommodation rule for people with disabilities is "clearly and simply stated, so that it can be understood by those required to comply," RCW 34.05.220(5). To ensure that the rule is meeting its intended purpose and OAH's strategic goals.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Justice and the Washington human rights commission. OAH coordinates with these agencies by staying informed and in compliance with their regulations.

Process for Developing New Rule: OAH welcomes the public to participate in developing its rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. OAH is compiling a list of parties who might be interested in this rule amendment. At a later date, OAH will file a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) with the office of the code reviser. A copy of the notice will be sent to everyone on the list of interested parties, as well as anyone who requests a copy. The notice will also be posted on web page <https://oah.wa.gov/Content-Area-Management/Rule-Making-Hub/Rulemaking-Activities>.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Sabiha Malikani Ahmad, Staff Attorney, P.O. Box 42488, Olympia, WA 98504-2488, phone 360-407-2739, fax 360-664-8721, TTY 711, email rulemaking@oah.wa.gov, website www.oah.wa.gov.

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