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AGENDA

OFFICE OF

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Our state legislature requires each state agency to prepare a semi-annual agenda of any rules that may be under development (see RCW 34.05.314). The office of administrative hearings (OAH) is a state agency that hears and independently resolves disputes between the public and other state agencies. At OAH, we encourage the public to be involved in shaping the rules that govern our society. You can get involved by attending public hearings, submitting written comments, or both.

The agenda below briefly describes changes that we anticipate making to OAH rules. This agenda is filed with the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. The agenda is also available on our website at <https://oah.wa.gov/Content-Area-Management/Rule-Making-Hub/Rulemaking-Activities>.

If you have any questions regarding rules or rule making, please contact our rules coordinator, Barb Cleveland, at 360-407-2700 or at rulemaking@oah.wa.gov.

ACRONYM KEY

CR: "Code reviser" on the rule-making forms, which are produced by the office of the code reviser for use by all state agencies.

CR-101: Prenotice statement of inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule-making order permanently adopting a rule, and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited rule-making proposal filed under RCW 34.05.353.

RCW: Revised Code of Washington.

WAC: Washington Administrative Code.

WSR: Washington State Register official filing reference number given by the office of the code reviser when a notice is filed.

**Semi-Annual Rules Development Agenda
January 1 - June 30, 2023**

| WAC | Rule Subject | Purpose of Potential Rule Development | Estimated Filing Date—Prenotice Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) | Estimated Filing Date—Proposed Rule (CR-102 or CR-105) | Estimated Filing Date—Permanent Rule (CR-103) |
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| 10-24 | Access to OAH facilities and services | To ensure that OAH's accommodation procedures for people with disabilities are "clearly and simply stated, so that [they] can be understood by those required to comply." RCW 34.05.220(5). CR-101 was filed. Agency study is ongoing. | | 3/1/23 | 5/31/23 |
| 10-08 | Model rules of procedure | To ensure that the model rules comply with RCW 34.05.220(5), that the rules are "clearly and simply stated, so that [they] can be understood by those required to comply." To ensure that the model rules comply with RCW 34.05.250, that the rules are "appropriate for use by as many agencies as possible" and that the rules "deal with all general functions and duties performed in common by the various agencies." CR-101 was filed. Agency study is ongoing. | | To be determined | To be determined |

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| 10-04 | Agency organization—Public records | To clarify organization structure and methods of requesting public records. | 2/1/23 | To be determined | To be determined |
| 10-16-010 | Complaint procedures | To add electronic communication methods, to revise complaint page limits, and to clarify and simplify language. | 1/18/23 | To be determined | To be determined |