

WSR 23-17-011
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Nursing)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The Washington state board of nursing (board) is considering amendments to nursing education rules in response to E2SSB 5582 (chapter 126, Laws of 2023). The board is considering amending WAC 246-840-517, 246-840-534, and other related sections.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: E2SSB 5582 (chapter 126, Laws of 2023); RCW 18.79.010 and 18.79.110.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: E2SSB 5582 Nurses—Educational opportunities, directs and authorizes the board, formally known as the nursing care quality assurance commission, to adopt rules which allow for one hour of simulated learning to be counted as equivalent to two hours of clinical placement learning, with simulated learning accounting for up to a maximum of 50 percent of the required clinical hours (E2SSB 5582, section (8)).

The board is considering amendments to nursing education rules for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. On May 12, 2023, the board moved to initiate the rule-making process to fulfill the purposes of E2SSB 5582. Rules are necessary to comply with E2SSB 5582 and the rule-making process will provide the opportunity for interested party engagement, rule clarification, and possible amendments to address any identified concerns.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: [No further information supplied by agency].

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jessilyn Dagum, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone 360-236-3538, fax 360-236-4738, TTY 711, email NCQAC.Rules@doh.wa.gov, website www.nursing.wa.gov.

Additional comments: The commission will notify interested parties of rule making by posting information on the department of health website, the commission website, and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive commission rule-making notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. The commission will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation.

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