

## WSR 24-21-048

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The subject of this rule making is to make explicit in rule the requirement for employers to update their addresses with the employment security department (department).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.12.042, 50.12.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Although employers are required to keep their information up-to-date with the department under RCW 50.12.070, currently, the department's rules do not explicitly require employers to keep their addresses up-to-date with the department. This rule making will specify that employers notify the department of a change in address within 30 days of an address change.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) reviews the state's administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of the unemployment insurance laws so long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for Developing New Rule: Draft rules will be shared with the public and stakeholders. The department will solicit input from all parties and consider all comments in the development of final rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Stephanie Frazee, P.O. Box 9046, phone 425-465-0313, fax 844-652-7096, TTY relay 711, email [esdgpuirules@esd.wa.gov](mailto:esdgpuirules@esd.wa.gov), website <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/rulemaking/>.

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