

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2498

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2498 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ludwig, Forner, Cantwell, Sheldon, Dellwo, Bray, Roland, Rasmussen, Moyer, Rayburn, Grant, H. Myers, Paris, Riley, Edmondson, Kremen, Ferguson, Winsley, Wineberry, Jones, Dorn, Franklin, Ebersole, Bowman, May, Heavey, Ogden, Cooper, Pruitt, O'Brien, Hine, Nelson and P. Johnson)

Read first time 02/11/92.

1            AN ACT Relating to regulatory fairness; amending RCW 34.05.320;  
2 adding new sections to chapter 19.85 RCW; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 34.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; adding a  
4 new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and creating new sections.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.85 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            When any rule is proposed for which a small business economic  
9 impact statement is required, the adopting agency shall provide notice  
10 to small businesses of the proposed rule through any of the following:

11            (1) Direct notification of known interested small businesses or  
12 trade organizations affected by the proposed rule; or

1 (2) Providing information of the proposed rule making to  
2 publications likely to be obtained by small businesses of the types  
3 affected by the proposed rule.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.85 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 When feasible, the adopting agency may appoint a committee, as  
7 provided in RCW 34.05.310, to comment on the subject of the possible  
8 rule making before the publication of notice of proposed rule adoption  
9 under RCW 34.05.320.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The joint administrative rules review committee may review any rule  
13 to determine whether an agency complied with the regulatory fairness  
14 requirements of chapter 19.85 RCW.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 The joint administrative rules review committee shall provide  
18 notice, conduct its hearings and reviews, and provide notice of  
19 committee objections to small business economic impact statements  
20 required under chapter 19.85 RCW in the same manner as is provided for  
21 notice, hearings, reviews, and objections to rules under this chapter.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 The rules coordinator under RCW 34.05.310 shall be knowledgeable  
25 regarding the agency's rules that affect businesses. The rules  
26 coordinator shall provide a list of agency rules applicable at the time

1 of the request to a specific class or line of business, which are  
2 limited to that specific class or line as opposed to generic rules  
3 applicable to most businesses, to the business assistance center when  
4 so requested by the business assistance center for the specific class  
5 or line of business.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The business assistance center shall  
7 conduct a study of how it can best serve as a clearinghouse to  
8 coordinate with state agencies in compiling and providing, on request,  
9 lists of state rules that apply to specific classes or lines of small  
10 businesses. The business assistance center shall report the findings  
11 of the study to the legislature before December 1, 1992.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 The state shall not be financially liable for errors or omissions  
15 in providing any document required to be produced under section 6 of  
16 this act. Compliance with rules identified under section 6 of this act  
17 does not excuse the business from requirements to comply with other  
18 applicable rules.

19 **Sec. 8.** RCW 34.05.320 and 1989 c 175 s 7 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) At least twenty days before the rule-making hearing at which  
22 the agency receives public comment regarding adoption of a rule, the  
23 agency shall cause notice of the hearing to be published in the state  
24 register. The publication constitutes the proposal of a rule. The  
25 notice shall include all of the following:

1 (a) A title, a description of the rule's purpose, and any other  
2 information which may be of assistance in identifying the rule or its  
3 purpose;

4 (b) Citations of the statutory authority for adopting the rule and  
5 the specific statute the rule is intended to implement;

6 (c) A summary of the rule and a statement of the reasons supporting  
7 the proposed action;

8 (d) The agency personnel, with their office location and telephone  
9 number, who are responsible for the drafting, implementation, and  
10 enforcement of the rule;

11 (e) The name of the person or organization, whether private,  
12 public, or governmental, proposing the rule;

13 (f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, regarding statutory  
14 language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters pertaining to  
15 the rule;

16 (g) Whether the rule is necessary as the result of federal law or  
17 federal or state court action, and if so, a copy of such law or court  
18 decision shall be attached to the purpose statement;

19 (h) When, where, and how persons may present their views on the  
20 proposed rule;

21 (i) The date on which the agency intends to adopt the rule;

22 (j) A short explanation of the rule, its purpose, and anticipated  
23 effects, including in the case of a proposal that would modify existing  
24 rules, a short description of the changes the proposal would make; and

25 (k) A copy of the small business economic impact statement, if  
26 applicable, and a statement of steps taken to minimize the economic  
27 impact in accordance with RCW 19.85.030.

28 (2) Upon filing notice of the proposed rule with the code reviser,  
29 the adopting agency shall have copies of the notice on file and

1 available for public inspection and shall forward three copies of the  
2 notice to the rules review committee.

3 (3) No later than three days after its publication in the state  
4 register, the agency shall cause a copy of the notice of proposed rule  
5 adoption to be mailed to each person who has made a request to the  
6 agency for a mailed copy of such notices. An agency may charge for the  
7 actual cost of providing individual mailed copies of these notices.

8 (4) In addition to the notice required by subsections (1) and (2)  
9 of this section, an institution of higher education shall cause the  
10 notice to be published in the campus or standard newspaper of the  
11 institution at least seven days before the rule-making hearing.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If specific funding for the purpose of  
13 section 6 of this act, referencing this act by bill and section number,  
14 is not provided by June 30, 1992, in the omnibus appropriations act,  
15 section 6 of this act shall be null and void.