WSR 06-03-018

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration) [Filed January 6, 2006, 4:21 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is amending WAC 388-426-0005 Client complaints.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Changes proposed to this rule will be to adopt updated civil rights guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture consistent with regulations for the food stamp program under Title 7 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

Changes may also be made to incorporate requirements of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) publishes federal regulations for the food stamp program in the Federal Register. Rules published in the Federal Register are incorporated into the United States Code of Federal Regulations. FNS also issues administrative notices to inform states of new program requirements that are not yet in the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

The department of social and health services (DSHS) incorporates these regulations and exercises state options by adopting administrative rules for food assistance benefits in Washington state. DSHS adopts rules for the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program consistent with Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Revised Code of Washington, and the department's TANF state plan.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting John Camp, Policy Analyst, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone (360) 725-4616, fax (360) 493-3493, e-mail campjx@dshs.wa.gov.

January 6, 2006
Andy Fernando, Manager
Rules and Policies Assistance Unit

WSR 06-03-019 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Health and Recovery Services Administration) [Filed January 6, 2006, 4:23 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is proposing the amendment of WAC 388-502-0100 General conditions of payment, 388-519-0100 Eligibility for the medically needy program, 388-865-0217 Psychiatric indigent inpatient program, and other possible rules related to provider reimbursement and client financial obligations.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71.05.560, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.530.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is clarifying the existing policy and practice of deducting any amounts required to be paid by clients, such as deductibles, copays, cost sharing, spenddown amounts, or emergency medical expense requirements (EMER), from payments made to providers. There are no new rules in this rule-making action. This action does not change current and long-standing department practice; it is intended only to clarify the already existing policy and rule interpretation. The sole purpose is to promote easier understanding of the policy. The department gives notice that in the process of amending the above-mentioned rules, it may become aware of related rules that should be amended to maintain consistency. The department recognizes the importance of widespread notice of any rule-making action, including that which merely clarifies current policy, and so is filing this according to the provision of RCW 34.05.310(1) in order to ensure such notice.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The department invites the interested public to review and provide input on the draft language of this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ann Myers, P.O. Box 45533, Olympia, WA 98504-5533, phone (360) 725-1345, fax (360) 586-9727, TTY 1-800-848-5429, e-mail myersea@dshs.wa.gov.

January 6, 2006

Andy Fernando, Manager Rules and Policies Assistance Unit

WSR 06-03-036 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Filed January 10, 2006, 10:23 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 16-303-340 Seed certification fees for buckwheat, chickpea, field pea, lentil, millet, soybean, sorghum and small grains and 16-319-

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041 Application for certification of forest reproductive material

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3) and chapter 34.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Proposal is in response to industry request to increase seed certification fees for forest reproductive material, buckwheat, chickpea, field pea, lentil, millet, soybean, sorghum and small grains. The fee increases will cover current costs of operating the portion of the seed certification program delegated by the director to the Washington Crop Improvement Association.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: In response to a request from the seed industry and the board of directors of the Washington State Crop Improvement Association, the Washington state department of agriculture staff will develop the rule proposal. In turn, industry representatives and the WSCIA board of directors will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced when the department files the rule proposal with the code reviser.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Fawad Shah, Program Manager, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Seed Program, 21 North 1st Avenue, Suite 203, Yakima, WA 98902, (509) 225-2630; or Keith Pfeifer, Manager, Washington State Crop Improvement Association, 414 South 46th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908, (509) 966-2234.

January 9, 2006 Robert W. Gore Assistant Director

WSR 06-03-037 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Filed January 10, 2006, 10:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of agriculture proposes to (1) update specific areas of the Washington grade standards for consistency and continuity to changes in the United States apple grades; and (2) exclude "smooth net-like russet" as a defect for Fuji apples in the Washington grade standard.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 15.17 RCW, Standards of grades and packs and chapter 34.05 RCW, Administrative Procedure Act.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These rules are necessary in order to bring the Washington state grade standards equal to or higher that [than] the existing United States grading standards. In addition, the industry has determined that smooth

net-like russeting is indicative of the fugi variety and should not be considered as a defect.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: In response to a request from the Washington state horticulture association (WSHA), grade and pack committee, the Washington state department of agriculture staff will develop the rule proposal. In turn, industry representatives and the WSHA grade and pack committee will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced with [when] the department files the rule proposal with the code reviser.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jim Quigley, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program Manager, P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone (360) 902-1833, fax (360) 902-2085, e-mail jquigley@agr.wa.gov.

January 9, 2006 Robert W. Gore Assistant Director Commodity Inspection Division

WSR 06-03-040 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HORSE RACING COMMISSION

[Filed January 10, 2006, 2:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Title 260 WAC, to expand the role and authority of the executive secretary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 67.16.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is considering expanding and clarifying the authority of the executive secretary to (1) enforcement of all rules in Title 260 WAC, (2) resolve conflicts or disputes related to violations of the rules, (3) discipline violators, and (4) interpret the rules and decide all questions related to nonlive racing activities.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Robert J. Lopez, Administrative Services Manager, Washington Horse Racing Commission, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 209, Olympia, WA 98516-5578, phone (360) 459-6462, fax (360) 459-6461, rlopez@whrc. state.wa.us.

January 9, 2006 R. M. Leichner Executive Secretary

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WSR 06-03-052 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 11, 2006, 11:20 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Card room operators. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070 and 9.46.0282.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: WAC 230-40-615 relates only to nonhouse-banked card games. Some card rooms offer both house-banked and nonhouse-banked card games. This change would amend WAC 230-40-615 and make house-banked card room requirements in WAC 230-40-815 applicable for all card games at a house-banked card room, including nonhouse-banked games.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

[Meetings on] February 10, 2006, at the Phoenix Inn, 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501, (360) 570-0555; on March 10, 2006, at the Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98502, (360) 943-4000; and on April 14, 2006, at The Heathman Lodge, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662, (360) 254-3100.

January 10, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-053 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 11, 2006, 11:20 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Card room operators. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070 and 9.46.0282.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The amendment would require poker receipts to be included in the financial statements house-banked card rooms must submit to us.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

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January 10, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-054 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 11, 2006, 11:20 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Individual licensees. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: An amendment is proposed so that if an individual's license expires while he/she is away on active military service the individual may apply to have their license reissued at the renewal fee.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

[Meetings on] February 10, 2006, at the Phoenix Inn, 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501, (360) 570-0555; on March 10, 2006, at the Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98502, (360) 943-4000; and on April 14, 2006, at The Heathman Lodge, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662, (360) 254-3100.

January 10, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-055 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 11, 2006, 11:20 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: All gambling operators.

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Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Recreational Gaming Association has requested that staff look into removing credit restrictions for operators. Last year, credit restrictions between manufacturers and distributors were removed.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

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January 10, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-056 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 11, 2006, 11:21 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Card room operators and card room employees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commission may be looking at how card rooms and their employees account for and report tips received.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

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on April 14, 2006, at The Heathman Lodge, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662, (360) 254-3100.

January 10, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-063 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

[Filed January 12, 2006, 8:33 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering adopting rules clarifying the conditions under which individuals enrolled in a nonunion apprenticeship program approved by the Washington apprenticeship and training council may establish eligibility for commissioner approved training under RCW 50.20.043. The rules under consideration will apply only to apprenticeship programs that train participants to enter into one of the construction industries listed under section 23 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) or under standard occupational classification section 47.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Nonunion apprentices are currently required to make a minimum of three job search contacts each week when not enrolled in full-time training or working full-time. Union apprentices must comply with their union dispatch and referral requirements. Under apprenticeship guidelines, an apprentice may not seek employment with employers not part of the agreement without losing their eligibility for continued training. The proposed rules will clarify that nonunion apprentices are participating in commissioner approved training as long as they are making satisfactory progress and comply with all program requirements. An individual participating in training approved by the commissioner are exempt from job search.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of labor and industries, Washington apprenticeship and training council (WATC). The WATC has asked that nonunion apprentices be exempted from any requirement to seek work with employers who are not part of the apprenticeship agreement. Staff from ESD and WATC have met to discuss the various issues involved with potential rule making. ESD will continue to keep WATC staff informed of the progress of this rule-making effort.

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 unemployment insurance laws as long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department will hold informal meetings with stakeholders to obtain input on the proposed rule making.

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Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Persons interested in attending meetings to discuss the proposed rules should contact Juanita Myers, Unemployment Insurance Rules Coordinator, Employment Security Department, P.O. Box 9046, Olympia, WA 98507-9046, phone (360) 902-9665, fax (360) 902-9799, e-mail jmyers@esd.wa.gov.

January 11, 2006 Karen T. Lee Commissioner

WSR 06-03-064 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

[Filed January 12, 2006, 8:33 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department proposes to adopt rules governing the recovery of overpaid unemployment benefits. The rules will define "equity and good conscience" as used in RCW 50.20.190 and 50.24.020, specify the requirements individuals must follow when applying for a waiver of the overpayment or when submitting an offer in compromise, and clarify other provisions related to the recovery of benefit overpayments.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.240.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The term "equity and good conscience" is currently defined in regulation. However, the Division III of the Court of Appeals in a published decision, *Delagrave v. ESD*, has determined that the department's definition of this phrase is narrower than intended by the statute. The court held that the department must consider "equity and good conscience" criteria for waiver requests and offers in compromise under the standard of fairness, rather than relying primarily on financial considerations. The court also authorized the granting of partial waivers, when the department's policy has been to waiver all or none of an overpayment. Existing regulations will be amended to conform to the decision of the court.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United State 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 unemployment insurance laws as long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department will hold informal meetings with stakeholders to obtain input on the proposed rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Persons interested in attending meetings to discuss the proposed rules should contact Juanita Myers, Unemployment Insurance Rules Coordinator, Employment Security Department, P.O. Box 9046, Olympia, WA 98507-9046, phone (360) 902-9665, fax (360) 902-9799, e-mail jmyers@esd.wa.gov.

January 5, 2006 Karen T. Lee Commissioner

WSR 06-03-086 WITHDRAWAL OF PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HORSE RACING COMMISSION

[Filed January 13, 2006, 12:53 p.m.]

The Washington horse racing commission (WHRC) would like to withdraw our CR-101 preproposing amendments to chapter 260-44 WAC, WSR 05-23-171. This preproposal was filed in error.

If you have any questions you may contact Robert J. Lopez at (360) 459-6462 or via e-mail at rlopez@whrc.state. wa.us.

Robert J. Lopez Administrative Services Manager

WSR 06-03-087 WITHDRAWAL OF PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HORSE RACING COMMISSION

[Filed January 13, 2006, 12:54 p.m.]

The Washington horse racing commission (WHRC) would like to withdraw our CR-101 preproposing amendments to chapter 260-40 WAC, WSR 05-09-006. Another preproposal was filed to expand the scope of rule making in this chapter.

If you have any questions you may contact Robert J. Lopez at (360) 459-6462 or via e-mail at rlopez@whrc.state. wa.us.

Robert J. Lopez Administrative Services Manager

WSR 06-03-088 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HORSE RACING COMMISSION

[Filed January 13, 2006, 12:54 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapters 260-70 and 260-84 WAC dealing with equine medication and penalties.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 67.16.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) has adopted into their model rules penalties for violations of equine medication and treatment rules. These model rules were adopted after a rec-

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ommendation from the Racing Medication and Training Consortium (RMTC).

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Robert J. Lopez, Administrative Services Manager, Washington Horse Racing Commission, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 209, Olympia, WA 98516-5578, phone (360) 459-6462, fax (360) 459-6461, rlopez@whrc. state.wa.us.

January 13, 2006 R. M. Leichner Executive Secretary

WSR 06-03-101 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GAMBLING COMMISSION

[Filed January 17, 2006, 9:06 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Gambling equipment. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Currently, items defined as gambling equipment may only be sold and purchased by a licensed manufacturer, distributor or operator. The amendment looks to remove specific nonprofessional items from the definition of gambling equipment. For example, nonlogo cards/chips and nonprofessional gaming tables (such as those found at retail stores). Amendments would also remove discontinued logo cards/chips from the definition of gambling equipment.

It would also remove amusement games from the definition of gambling equipment. WAC 230-20-508, describes which amusement games are authorized and provides a process to introduce new coin or token activated amusement games into the state. Amusement games will continue to be addressed under WAC 230-20-508.

Process for Developing New Rule: Rule change developed by agency staff. Interested parties can participate in the discussion of this proposed change by attending a commission meeting, or contacting the agency rules coordinator at the contact information below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rick Day, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3446; Neal Nunamaker, Deputy Director, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3449; or Susan Arland, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susana@wsgc.wa.gov.

[Meetings on] March 10, 2006 at the Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98662 [98502], (360) 943-4000; on April 14, 2006, at The Heathman Lodge,

7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662, (360) 254-3100; and on June 16, 2006, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 West Rose Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362, (509) 525-2200.

January 13, 2006 Susan Arland Rules Coordinator

WSR 06-03-104 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed January 17, 2006, 11:53 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: General reporting rules, classifications, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for workers' compensation insurance, chapter 296-17 WAC. The department's workers' compensation reciprocal agreements with Oregon and Idaho, currently found in WAC 296-17-31009. Of particular concern is how reciprocity applies in the construction, temporary help, and janitorial/cleaning industries.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.16.035, 51.16.100, and 51.12.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The states of Oregon and Idaho have expressed an interest in renegotiating the workers' compensation reciprocal agreements Washington currently has with them. Having reciprocal agreements with other states is desirable because such agreements can prevent employers from being required to insure the same work in two states. Rules are needed because RCW 51.12.120 requires any renegotiated agreement to be adopted in rule form.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Idaho industrial commission and the Oregon department of consumer and business services have indicated interest in renegotiating our current agreements.

Process for Developing New Rule: Labor and industries will solicit input from the business community by way of direct mailings, the internet, focus meetings, and/or informal public meetings. Labor and industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by direct mailing and/or the internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Labor and industries will mail notification to affected employers with ideas for the proposed changes. Employers will be encouraged to participate in the process to share ideas and/or attend meetings. Information regarding our process can be obtained at the employer services web site www.lni.wa.gov/insuranceservices/employerservices and can submit comments electronically to ture235@lni.wa.gov or by mail to Labor and Industries, Attention Classification

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Services, P.O. Box 44148, phone (360) 902-4776, or fax (360) 902-4729.

January 17, 2006 Gary Weeks Director

WSR 06-03-105 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed January 17, 2006, 11:53 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 296-126-023 Payment interval, 296-128-035 Payment interval, and 296-131-010 Payment interval.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapters 49.12, 49.30, and 49.46 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is incorporating the administrative policy regarding payment intervals into the rules. The policy currently gives interpretive guidance to the payment interval rule. The department will be clarifying whether the regulation applies only to employees paid monthly or to all employees. By integrating the policy into rules, the payment interval rule will be easier to use, understand, and provide greater certainty and consistency without having to rely on additional documents.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Sally Elliott, Department of Labor and Industries, Specialty Compliance Services Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone (360) 902-6411, fax (360) 902-5292, e-mail yous235@lni.wa.gov.

January 17, 2006 Gary Weeks Director

WSR 06-03-107 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed January 17, 2006, 11:55 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General reporting rules, classifications, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for workers compensation insurance.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.06.035 and 51.06.100.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Labor and industries is

required by law to establish and maintain a workers' compensation classification plan that classifies all occupations or industries within the state and sets basic rates of premium for these classifications that are distributed fairly (RCW 51.16.035). The department has conducted a review of various classification and reporting rules and determined that certain rules are in need of revision, such as the ones that apply to door-to-door sales, mechanical harvesting of shellfish, agricultural fairs and shows, and farm and machinery dealers. The department proposes to create a new classification for home care service workers offered through home care quality authority at the request of the actuary and an additional classification for state government workers who perform administrative field work. Minor housekeeping changes will be made to several classifications.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state, local or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for Developing New Rule: Labor and industries will solicit input from the business community by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal public meetings. Labor and industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by direct mailing and/or the internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Labor and industries will mail letters with ideas on possible rule changes to affected employers. Employers will be encouraged to participate in the process to share ideas and/or attend meetings. Employers can obtain information on our process at the employer services web site www.lni.wa. gov/insuranceservices/employerservices and can submit comments electronically to Moom235@lni.wa.gov, phone (360) 902-4774, or fax (360) 902-4729.

January 17, 2006 Gary Weeks Director

WSR 06-03-108 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

(Board of Boiler Rules) [Filed January 17, 2006, 11:56 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: General fee increase of the board of boiler rules, chapter 296-104 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 70.79.030, 70.79.040, 70.79.150, 70.79.290, 70.79.330, and 70.79.350.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board of boiler rules have identified the need for a 2.82% fee increase, which is the office of financial management's maximum allowable fiscal growth rate factor for fiscal year 2006. The fee increase is necessary to help offset inflation and to maintain the operational effectiveness of the boiler program.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The board of boiler rules will review and approve all rule changes. Other interested parties and the public may also participate by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Sally Elliott, Department of Labor and Industries, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, (360) 902-6411, fax (360) 902-5292, yous235@lni.wa.gov.

January 17, 2006 Craig Hopkins, Chair Board of Boiler Rules

WSR 06-03-111 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE

(Elections Division)
[Filed January 17, 2006, 4:22 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Statewide voter registration database.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9A.08.651 and 29A.04.611.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The official statewide voter registration data base (VRDB) is a new voter registration system mandated by state and federal law that has been implemented by the secretary of state. Additional rules for the VRDB are needed as this program continues to develop. The rules will cover topics such as searches for duplicate registrations and cancellation due to felony conviction.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Some coordination with the registrar of vital statistics, Washington state patrol, administrative office of the courts, and the department of corrections may be necessary.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Pam Floyd, Elections Division, P.O. Box 40237, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 725-5781, fax (360) 664-2971.

> January 17, 2006 Steve Excell Assistant Secretary of State

WSR 06-03-112 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE

(Elections Division)
[Filed January 17, 2006, 4:23 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Initiative and referenda petitions and depositing ballots.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 29A.04.611.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules regarding the authority to withdraw one's signature from an initiative or referenda petition will be provided to develop one process statewide. Additionally, a rule will be enacted to address staffing when ballots are deposited at the auditor's office.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tami Neilson, Elections Division, P.O. Box 40220, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 902-4182, fax (360) 586-5629.

January 17, 2006 Steve Excell Assistant Secretary of State

WSR 06-03-113 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE

(Elections Division)
[Filed January 17, 2006, 4:24 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Voting systems.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 29A.04.611.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules regarding the storing of source codes and voter verified paper audit trail printers will provide clarification and further direction to county auditors. Additionally, many of the provisions of WSR 05-21-138, an emergency rule, filed on October 19, 2005, will be filed as permanent rules.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Paul Miller, Elections Division, P.O. Box 40237, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 725-5783, fax (360) 664-4619.

> January 17, 2006 Steve Excell Assistant Secretary of State

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WSR 06-03-114 WITHDRAWAL OF PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

[Filed January 17, 2006, 4:25 p.m.]

The economic services administration, division of child care and early learning requests the withdrawal of the following preproposal statements of inquiry:

- Preproposal statement of inquiry filed as WSR 03-20-025 on September 23, 2003 (chapters 388-151 and 388-297 WAC).
- Preproposal statement of inquiry filed as WSR 04-13-046 on June 10, 2004 (WAC 388-290-0020, 388-290-0025, 388-290-0030, 388-290-0032, 388-290-0040, 388-290-0045, 388-290-0060, 388-290-0085, 388-290-0090, 388-290-0105, 388-290-0110, 388-290-0130, 388-290-0140, 388-290-0155, 388-290-0165, and 388-290-0270).

Andy Fernando, Manager Rules and Policies Assistance Unit

WSR 06-03-116 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Disability Services Administration) [Filed January 17, 2006, 4:28 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 388-825 WAC, Division of developmental disabilities services rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.20.080.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The amendment of WAC 388-825-105, 388-825-130, 388-825-145, 388-825-155, and other sections is necessary to conform to RCW 71A.20.080. This proposal would amend the time frames for providing notice to residents of a state residential habilitation center (RHC) being transferred to the community, amend the time frames for requesting appeals by a resident of a state RHC being transferred to the community and amend the period of time that the department must wait before implementing a decision to transfer a resident of a state RHC to the community.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The department welcomes public participation in the development of these rules. At a later date, the department will publish proposed rules for public comment, and a public hearing will be held before the rules are adopted as permanent.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Steve Brink, Program Manager, Division of Developmental Disabilities, P.O. Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310, phone (360) 725-3416, fax (360) 407-0955, e-mail brinksc@dshs.wa.gov.

January 17, 2005 [2006] Andy Fernando, Manager Rules and Policies Assistance Unit

WSR 06-03-117 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed January 17, 2006, 4:30 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering amending utility allowances for the Washington Basic Food program (Basic Food) and Washington state combined application program (WASHCAP) under WAC 388-450-0195 Utility allowances for Basic Food programs.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The United States Department of Energy projects that the cost of heating homes with natural gas or heating oil will be 30% to 50% higher this winter than last. As a result, people receiving food assistance are facing monthly fuel bills that, in some cases, are hundreds of dollars higher than last winter.

Utility increases of this magnitude could have harsh effects for low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities. People on law and fixed incomes will face difficult choices between heating their homes and keeping up with their other expenses like buying groceries, putting gasoline in their cars, and affording prescription drugs and other medical costs.

Federal guidelines provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) indicate that states may use more recent actual utility costs to request adjustments to utility allowances for the food stamp program. These utility allowances are used to determine a household's shelter deduction that can result in an increase in food stamp benefits.

The department will evaluate the benefit for WASHCAP and Basic Food participants in Washington state if the department were to update utility allowances outside the normally scheduled adjustment to this standard each October. To make this determination, the department will use federal guidance regarding updating utility allowances for recent changes in utility costs and the December 2005 consumer price index provided by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Agriculture, FNS publishes federal regulations for the food stamp program in the federal register. Rules published in the federal register are incorporated into the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). FNS also issues administrative notices and

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memos to inform states of program requirements that are not yet in C.F.R., as well as standards that are not formally adopted under the federal rule-making process.

DSHS incorporates these regulations, federal standards, policy guidance, and exercises state options by adopting administrative rules for food assistance benefits in Washington state.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting John Camp, Policy Analyst, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone (360) 725-4616, fax (360) 493-3493, e-mail campix@dshs.wa.gov.

January 17, 2005 [2006] Andy Fernando, Manager Rules and Policies Assistance Unit

WSR 06-03-133 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HOP COMMISSION

[Filed January 18, 2006, 11:23 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The purpose of this rule making is to amend the rule of the Washington state hop commission. Proposed amendments will amend labeling requirements under WAC 16-532-120.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 16.65 RCW, specifically RCW 15.65.050, 15.65.330, and chapter 34.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Washington state hop commission is proposing to remove the requirement to stencil all hop bales with "WASHINGTON" or "GROWN IN WASHINGTON." Due to changes in downstream processing technology, very few hops leave the state in baled form. Reducing the bale stencil requirements will save growers the expense of applying the stencil, and will improve recycling of burlap bale cloth.

Process for Developing New Rule: The proposal has been developed by the Washington state hop commission. Notice will be mailed to all producers who may be directly affected by this rule change. Interested parties can submit comments during the public comment period and can also participate during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication, by contacting Ann George, Administrator, Washington State Hop Commission, P.O. Box 1207, Moxee, WA 98936, phone (509) 453-4749, fax (509) 457-8561, e-mail ann@wahops.org.

January 18, 2006 Ann E. George Administrator

WSR 06-03-134 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

[Order 06-02—Filed January 18, 2006, 11:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Ecology is proposing to adopt prevention, preparedness, and response rules that set forth the standards regarding oil transfers that occur on or over waters of the state. This rule making will focus on three areas:

- Combining and amending existing rules in chapters 173-180A through 173-180D WAC, relating to oil transfer operations.
- Amending existing rules and proposing new rules in chapter 317-40 WAC regarding the transfer of oil involving covered vessels, which does not include recreational vessels, on or over the waters of the state. The standards may address the management, training, recordkeeping, notifications, equipment, and procedures involving bunkering, cargo, and lightering and other aspects of oil transfer operations
- In addition to new requirements and amendments to existing requirements, ecology plans to also clarify existing language and references in the rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 90.56.005, 90.56.050, 88.46.60 [88.46.160], and 88.46.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: RCW 90.56.005 requires ecology to ensure that the waters will be protected from oil spills with broad powers of regulation. RCW 88.46.160 further requires new standards for the deliverer of oil to provide containment boom, response equipment, training on usage, and alternative measures for spill prevention and mitigation. RCW 90.56.050 and 88.46.120 require ecology to adopt rules that implement the objectives of these statutes.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Coast Guard broadly regulates many of the same entities. We have a stakeholder committee with representatives from the Coast Guard 13th District who we work with to develop and ensure our standards are compatible and coordinated.

Process for Developing New Rule: Ecology is seeking input from an advisory committee consisting of oil industry, environmental, tribal, state, and federal representatives. In addition, information is posted on our web site that details the process and other opportunities for involvement. Ecology will hold public hearings to seek input for the rule proposal, http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/prevention/transrule/transferrule.html.

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Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nhi Hoang, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600, oiltransferrule@ecy.wa.gov, (360) 407-7514.

January 18, 2006

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January 17, 2006 Stu Clark Program Manager

WSR 06-03-135 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

[Order 05-19—Filed January 18, 2006, 11:27 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Controls for new sources of toxic air pollutants, chapter 173-460 WAC, Concomitant adjustments to WAC 173-400-110.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 70.94.152 and 70.94.331.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: ASILs (ambient source impact levels) are a component of a human-health-based risk screening tool to determine the required level of review. They have not been updated for over ten years. This rule making is to update the TAP list and recalculate ASILs to reflect current scientific information. RCW 70.94.152 provides that no person is required to submit a NOC for a new source that ecology deemed to have a de minimis impact on air quality, and that de minimis means "trivial levels of emissions that do not pose a threat to human health or the environment." In 1998, amendments to the WAC 173-400-110 included de minimis, thus paving the way for TAPs de minimis. Regulatory discontinuity in the applicability of WAC 173-400-110 and chapter 173-460 WAC causes some confusion, inconsistency, and delay in processing permits. Applicability should be harmonized between the two chapters. Consolidate TAP tables into a single table with more columns to provide for each substance an ASIL, SQER (small quantity emission rate), de minimis value, etc. The rule writer is to evaluate the gBACT section of the rule to drop out-of-date control technology requirements.

Process for Developing New Rule: Ecology plans on using new procedures as encouraged by RCW 35.05.310. Three spheres of effort are planned for obtaining input into the content of the rule: Scientific, regulatory "core," and stakeholders. The text of the rule should not be proposed in the CR-102 until interested parties have had opportunity to offer recommendations, opinion, information, and other valuable contributions.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Steve Cross, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98516, (360) 407-6875, stcr461@ecv.wa.gov; or

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