

WSR 15-18-014**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY****HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

(Washington Apple Health)

[Filed August 21, 2015, 1:17 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-531-0050 Physician-related services definitions, new WAC 182-531-2020 Enhanced reimbursement—Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC), and other rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is creating WAC 182-531-2020 to allow for an enhanced payment for physician services associated with implanting or insertion of long-acting reversible contraceptives. As a result, revisions to WAC 182-531-0050 Physician-related services definitions, may be necessary. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

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 agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and 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 Sean Sullivan, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, fax (360) 586-9727, TTY 1-800-848-5429, e-mail sean.sullivan@hca.wa.gov.

August 21, 2015
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-018**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY****PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT****RELATIONS COMMISSION**

[Filed August 24, 2015, 8:17 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making:

- The filing and service of papers with the agency, WAC 391-08-120.
- Public records officer, WAC 391-08-800.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 47.64.280(2), 49.39.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency's current rules on the filing and service of papers requires a party filing by electronic mail to "perfect" their filing by mailing a paper copy of the same document. This requirement is also in place for documents filed by fax. The agency is amending its rules to eliminate the need to file multiple copies of the same document. Filing by mail would also be complete upon deposit in the mail. The current standard states that filing by mail is complete when the agency actually receives the document.

The identity of the agency's public records officer has changed and the rule needs to reflect that change.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other agency regulates public sector collective bargaining.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency staff intend to contact representatives from both labor and management to discuss possible amendments to agency rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael P. Sellars, 112 North Henry Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40919, Olympia, WA 98504-4919 [98504-0919], (360) 570-7306; or Dario de la Rosa, 112 North Henry Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40919, Olympia, WA 98504-4919 [98504-0919], (360) 570-7328.

August 24, 2015
Dario de la Rosa
Representation Coordinator

WSR 15-18-020**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY****GAMBLING COMMISSION**

[Filed August 24, 2015, 11:18 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Authorized card games.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070, 9.46.0282.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Staff will be reviewing the rule authorizing card games for possible changes.

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 Susan Newer, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, (360) 486-3466, e-mail Susan.Newer@wsgc.wa.gov, fax (360) 486-3625.

[Meetings on] September 10 or 11, 2015, at the Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201, (509) 279-7000, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov on September 1 for meeting location and start time; on October 8, 2015, at the Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge, 20500 Old Highway 99 S.W., Grand Mound, WA 98531, (360) 273-7718, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov on October 1 for meeting loca-

tion and start time; and on November 12 or 13, 2015, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Olympia, 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501, (360) 570-0555, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov on November 1 for meeting location and start time.

August 24, 2015
Susan Newer
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-035**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF****SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration)

[Filed August 26, 2015, 9:04 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department will amend, create, and repeal sections in chapters 388-865, 388-877, 388-877A, 388-877B WAC, and any other sections as may be required that pertain to regional support networks (RSN) and behavioral health services.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71.05.560, chapters 70.96A, 71.05, 71.24 RCW, and 2SSB 6312.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department needs rules on this subject to comply with 2SSB 6312, chapter 225, Laws of 2014, which requires RSNs to be renamed behavioral health organizations, and authorizes the department and the health care authority (HCA) to establish regional service areas within the state and integrate substance use disorder treatment with mental health services. The proposed changes will also update the rules in order to provide more consistent statewide administration, continuity, delivery, and monitoring of behavioral health services which impact consumers, their families, advocates, and contracted providers.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The department will coordinate this rule making with HCA.

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 Kathy Sayre, Rules Program Manager, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, P.O. Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330, e-mail kathy.sayre@dshs.wa.gov, phone (360) 725-1342, fax (360) 586-0341, TTY 1-800-833-6384.

August 26, 2015
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-039**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

(Division of Credit Unions)

[Filed August 26, 2015, 1:40 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending the rules (chapter 208-418 WAC) under the Washington State Credit Union Act (chapter 31.12 RCW).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 31.12.516, 43.320.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The rules in chapter 208-418 WAC must be amended to change the frequency of asset assessment fees collected by the division of credit unions. The proposal is to change the timing of collecting assessment fees from being collected on a quarterly basis to semi-annual, which is consistent with the billing schedule currently in place for the department of financial institutions (DFI), division of banks. The rule making complies with the moratorium on noncritical agency rule making by creating efficiencies for the agency and credit unions by reducing the number of collections per year. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) collects their asset assessment fees on an annual basis. This timing change for collection will bring state assessment fees practices closer to the federal assessment fees practices.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DFI, division of credit unions, is the only state agency responsible for the calculation of state-originated asset assessment fees for state-chartered credit unions. NCUA, a federal agency, may also impose fees on state-chartered credit unions. NCUA operates separately from the division of credit unions, and will be informed of this rule-making activity.

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 Allison Kohlhorst, Division of Credit Unions, P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, WA 98504-1200, phone (360) 902-8718, e-mail allison.kohlhorst@dfi.wa.gov, Gov-Delivery e-mail subscription DFI web site www.dfi.wa.gov.

August 25, 2015
Linda K. Jekel, Director
Division of Credit Unions

WSR 15-18-055**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

[Filed August 27, 2015, 11:04 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 458-40-540 (Forest land values—2016) and 458-40-660 (Timber excise tax—Stumpage value tables).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 84.33.096, 82.32.300, and 82.01.060(2).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: RCW 84.33.140 requires that forest land values be adjusted annually by a statutory formula contained in RCW 84.33.140(3). The department anticipates amending the forest land values rule (WAC 458-40-540) to adjust the table of forest land values in Washington as required by statute. County assessors will use these published land values for property tax purposes in 2016.

Further, RCW 84.33.091 requires the department to revise the stumpage value tables every six months. The department establishes stumpage value tables to apprise timber harvesters of the timber values used to calculate the timber excise tax. The values in the proposed rule will apply to the first half of 2016.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Although the United States Forest Service and Washington state department of natural resources both regulate forest practices, neither is involved in valuation for taxation purposes. The nontax processes and definitions are coordinated with these agencies to avoid conflict, but there should be no need to involve them in the valuation revisions provided in this rule.

Process for Developing New Rule: Parties interested in this rule making may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments throughout this rule making or giving oral testimony at the public meeting or public hearing.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. A preliminary draft of possible rule changes will be available upon request shortly before the public meeting.

Written comments may be submitted by mail and should be directed to Mark E. Bohe, ITA Division, P.O. Box 47453, Olympia, WA 98504-7453, e-mail markbohe@dor.wa.gov.

Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public meeting.

Public Meeting Location: Capital Plaza Building, Fourth Floor, Executive Conference Room, 1025 Union Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA, on October 13, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Call-in option can be provided upon request no later than three days before the meeting date.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Mary Carol LaPalm, (360) 725-7499, or Renee Cosare, (360) 725-7514, no later than ten days before the meeting date. For hearing impaired please contact us via the Washington relay operator at (800) 833-6384.

August 27, 2015
Kevin Dixon
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-070**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration)

[Filed August 27, 2015, 10:14 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is proposing to create new WAC sections in chapter 388-865 WAC, Community mental health and involuntary treatment programs, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 10.77 RCW, RCW 71.24.035, and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is adopting new sections in chapter 388-865 WAC to comply with 2E2SSB 5177 (chapter 7, Laws of 2015). 2E2SSB 5177 requires, in part, the department to develop alternative locations and increased access to competency evaluation and restoration treatment services under chapter 10.77 RCW. Clarifications, corrections, and policy changes in other sections of chapter 388-865 WAC may be necessary as a result of this rule making.

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

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 Kathy Sayre, Rules Program Manager, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, P.O. Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330, e-mail kathy.sayre@dshs.wa.gov, phone (360) 725-1342, fax (360) 586-0341, TTY 1-800-833-6384.

August 27, 2015
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-076**WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

[Filed August 28, 2015, 1:15 p.m.]

The health care authority requests the withdrawal of the preproposal statement of inquiry filed as WSR 14-07-015, chapter 182-550 WAC.

Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-087
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SEATTLE COLLEGES

[Filed August 31, 2015, 11:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Student conduct code.
 Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To update language so it is consistent with the latest requirements from the federal Department of Education.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of Education.

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 Marci Myer, Vice-President of Student Services, 9600 College Way North, Seattle, WA 98103, (206) 934-3669, Marci.Myer@seattlecolleges.edu.

August 31, 2015
 Jill Wakefield
 Chancellor

WSR 15-18-100
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed September 1, 2015, 10:56 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-335 WAC, In-home services agencies, the department of health (department) is considering a comprehensive chapter review which may include the clarification, streamlining, and modernization of rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 70.127 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department has not conducted a comprehensive review of chapter 246-335 WAC since 2002. Throughout the past thirteen years, department program and survey staff, licensees, and industry stakeholders have identified numerous areas of the rules that require clarification, streamlining, and modernization. Rule making is necessary in order to bring the in-home services rules up-to-date and ensure the most current industry standards are in place for the public's safety and well-being.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Interested parties may participate in the development of draft rules prior to a formal proposal by joining the in-home services listserv, attending rule workshops, and providing input on draft and proposed materials. To be included

on an interested parties list contact John Hilger, Program Manager, Health Professions and Facilities, Department of Health, P.O. Box 47852, 111 Israel Road S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-7852, or e-mail john.hilger@doh.wa.gov, phone (360) 236-2929, fax (360) 236-2321.

September 1, 2015
 Dennis E. Worsham
 Deputy Secretary
 for John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH
 Secretary

WSR 15-18-111
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HORSE RACING COMMISSION

[Filed September 2, 2015, 7:57 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 260-70-650 Furosemide.

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: To update furosemide language to comply with model rules regarding the four hour limit for administration.

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 Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary, Washington Horse Racing Commission, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 209, Olympia, WA 98516-5578, phone (360) 459-6462, fax (360) 459-6461, doug.moore@whrc.state.wa.us.

September 2, 2015
 Douglas L. Moore
 Executive Secretary

WSR 15-18-112
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE SERVICES

[Filed September 2, 2015, 8:24 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Debarment fines.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: SHB 1447 (chapter 24 [44], Laws of 2015) amends RCW 36.26.200. This change directs the department to establish a civil fining process by rule.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SHB 1447 amends and authorizes the department of enterprise services, in debarment actions, to impose fines as an alternative to debarment.

The legislation requires the department to establish the fine process by rule.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state and federal agencies regulate this subject.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency staff will hold a series of workshops in order to develop a proposed rule with anyone interested. An opportunity will also be provided for anyone to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and present oral testimony at the public hearings. The public is encouraged to participate, as described below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jack Zeigler, policy and rules manager, phone (360) 407-9209, e-mail jack.zeigler@des.wa.gov.

Written comments: Online at <http://des.wa.gov/about/LawsRules/Pages/Rulemaking.aspx>.

Anyone interested can participate in the development of the proposed rule before publication. Information about the rule making will be posted on the agency rule-making web site <http://www.des.wa.gov/about/LawsRules/Pages/RuleMaking.aspx>. In addition, you can identify yourself as an interested party by sending an e-mail to rules@des.wa.gov with your contact information and typing "Interested party - debarment fines rulemaking" in the subject line.

September 2, 2015
Jack Zeigler
Policy and Rules Manager

WSR 15-18-113
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed September 2, 2015, 8:36 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering changes to recreational clam and oyster harvest season rules for 2016.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department must annually amend recreational clam and oyster season rules on some public tidelands in response to shellfish population changes, shifts in recreational effort, conservation issues, and negotiations with treaty tribes and other state agencies. Such amendments are designed to perpetuate shellfish resources while maximizing recreational harvest opportunity.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Washington department of health (DOH): Washington department of fish and wildlife (WDFW) works closely with DOH to close beaches to recreational clam and oyster harvest if there is a risk to public health.

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 pub-

lication by contacting Joanna Eide, WDFW Rules Coordinator, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091, phone (360) 902-2403, fax (360) 902-2155, e-mail Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov. Contact by November 20, 2015. Expected proposal filing on or after November 24, 2015.

September 2, 2015
Joanna M. Eide
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-114
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed September 2, 2015, 8:39 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering changes to WAC 220-55-180 to align the WAC language to allow for the use of transaction fee funds as provided in RCW 77.32.050.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.32.-050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: RCW 77.32.050 states that a transaction fee on commercial and recreational license documents issued through an automated licensing system may be set by the fish and wildlife commission and collected from licensees. RCW 77.32.050 also provides that the department may authorize all or part of such fee to be paid directly to a contractor providing automated licensing services. The department sets this transaction fee in WAC 220-55-180. The department is considering changes to WAC 220-55-180 to align the WAC language to allow for the use of transaction fee funds as provided in RCW 77.32.050.

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 Joanna Eide, WDFW Rules Coordinator, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091, phone (360) 902-2403, fax (360) 902-2155, e-mail Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov. Contact by October 9, 2015. Expected proposal filing on or after October 16, 2015.

September 2, 2015
Joanna M. Eide
Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-116
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
RELATIONS COMMISSION

[Filed September 2, 2015, 9:29 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Updating certain election rules to clarify agency practice, amending certain election rules to allow for electronic voting, and repealing a rule that are [is] no longer necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080, 47.64.280(2), 49.39.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency's current election rules do not allow for the use of online or telephonic voting to determine representation elections. Online voting will increase the participation of voters and will allow for a more efficient use of agency resources.

The marine employment commission is no longer a division of the public employment relations commission and all appeals of representation cases shall be heard by the public employment relations commission appointed under chapter 41.58 RCW. Accordingly, WAC 391-25-675 is no longer necessary.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other agency regulates public sector collective bargaining.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency staff intend to contact representatives from both labor and management to discuss possible amendments to agency rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael P. Sellars, 112 North Henry Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40919, Olympia, WA 98504-4919 [98504-0919], (360) 570-7306; or Dario de la Rosa, 112 North Henry Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40919, Olympia, WA 98504-4919 [98504-0919], (360) 570-7328.

September 2, 2015

Dario de la Rosa

Representation Coordinator

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To revise the department's rules to update, streamline, and improve efficiencies to ensure proper correlation and alignment of the department's hearing process and procedures.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Actions of DEL sometimes rely in part on actions taken by other agencies such as the Washington state department of social and health services or are taken in conjunction with the actions of other agencies such as the Washington state office of administrative hearings or certain federal agencies. DEL plans to coordinate rule development with state and federal agencies.

Process for Developing New Rule: To the extent practicable, DEL intends to seek public input during the rule drafting and development process. At a later date, DEL will file proposed rules (more than one proposed rule-making notice may be filed), hold a public hearing or hearings, and accept written comments before adopting permanent rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Individuals and organizations wishing to receive draft and proposed materials may join a DEL rules mailing list by contacting the DEL rules coordinator at Rules@del.wa.gov, by fax (360) 725-4925, or by writing to the DEL Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504-0970.

September 2, 2015

Saul Olivarez

Rules Coordinator

WSR 15-18-117

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF

EARLY LEARNING

[Filed September 2, 2015, 10:51 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapters of Title 170 WAC, including but not limited to chapter 170-03 WAC, the department of early learning (DEL) hearing rules chapter. More specifically, the department will make changes related to the purpose and scope of the hearing rules chapter, clarify the definitions and authority of the administrative law judge, correct language to align with changes made to reflect and conform with current law and incorporate and ensure that the background check, the early childhood education and assistance program WAC chapters and other requirements mandated by the department or the 2015 legislative session align properly with the department's hearing rules chapter.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070, chapter 43.215 RCW.

WSR 15-18-119

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

SUPERINTENDENT OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[Filed September 2, 2015, 10:54 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-140-600 through 392-140-685, school district eligibility for state special education safety net funding and other WAC chapters as needed.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.150.290.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments are needed to update and align rules pertaining to the state special education safety net program as required by Washington State Biennial Appropriations Act, 2ESHB 1087, passed by the 2011 legislature. Other housekeeping as needed for clarification will be added.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of public comments and recommendations pertaining to new, amended, or repealed rules and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. For telephone assistance contact Mary Ellen Parrish, (360) 725-6075, TTY (360) 586-0126, e-mail spiced@k12.wa.us. Send written comments to Special Education, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

September 2, 2015
Randy Dorn
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

WSR 15-18-121
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

[Docket U-144155—Filed September 2, 2015, 11:49 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The subject of this inquiry is to consider whether the utilities and transportation commission (commission) should develop a new rule and/or modify existing rules in chapter 480-90 WAC (gas companies) and chapter 480-100 WAC (electric companies) to address problems corrected billing issues resulting from billing errors, and with inaccurate energy usage metering, which results in retroactive corrected billing of electric and natural gas customers. This inquiry addresses key concerns of both the companies and commission staff regarding reducing the length of retroactive corrected bills while recognizing: (1) Equipment breaks; (2) some customers do not notify the company immediately upon moving in; and (3) companies may not have complete control over how quickly these issues can be identified without significantly increasing costs that would ultimately be borne by all ratepayers. This inquiry supplements the original CR-101 filed at WSR 15-05-082 to consider all corrected billing situations.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 80.01.040 and 80.04.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commission is responsible for protecting consumers by ensuring that investor-owned utility services are fairly priced, available, reliable, and accurate. Consumers have a right to timely and accurate bills each month. It is reasonable to expect utilities to identify and correct bills for billing errors, stopped meters, as well as, unidentified energy usage within a reasonable time frame. Initial data provided by the utilities indicate that customers are continuing to receive retroactive corrected bills for periods in excess of six months, and in some cases, more than twelve and twenty-four months. A rule making would establish common standards for all the regulated energy utilities.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study; and the commission will ask for initial written comments and conduct such other process as necessary to gather the information necessary to determine whether rules should be proposed or modified.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Interested persons may file comments with the Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250, phone (360) 664-1174, fax (360) 586-1150, web portal www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing, or through e-mail records@utc.wa.gov, by 5:00 p.m., October 5, 2015.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments may be submitted to the commission at the address given above and should be filed with the commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2015.**

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- The docket number of this proceeding (U-144155).
- The commenting party's name.
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September 2, 2015
Steven V. King
Executive Director
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