

**WSR 16-12-011****PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed May 19, 2016, 2:59 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-50 WAC, amendment of the 2015 International Building Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council has received a number of requests to clarify requirements and correct technical errors in the code going into effect on July 1, 2016. There are also topics currently addressed through emergency rules that will need to be followed up with permanent rule making.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory groups.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tim Nogler, Washington State Building Code Council, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, (360) 407-9280, fax (360) 586-5366, e-mail sbcc@ga.wa.gov [sbcc@des.wa.gov].

May 13, 2016  
Steve K. Simpson  
Council Chair

**WSR 16-12-013****PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed May 19, 2016, 2:59 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-51 WAC, amendment of the 2015 International Residential Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council has received a number of requests to clarify requirements and correct technical errors in the code going into effect on July 1, 2016.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory groups.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tim Nogler, Washington State Building Code Council, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, (360) 407-9280, fax (360) 586-5366, e-mail sbcc@ga.wa.gov [sbcc@des.wa.gov].

May 13, 2016  
Steve K. Simpson  
Council Chair

**WSR 16-12-012****PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed May 19, 2016, 2:59 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-54A WAC, amendment of the 2015 International Fire Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council has received a number of requests to clarify requirements and correct technical errors in the code going into effect on July 1, 2016. There are also topics currently addressed through emergency rules that will need to be followed up with permanent rule making.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory groups.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tim Nogler, Washington State Building Code Council, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, (360) 407-9280, fax (360) 586-5366, e-mail sbcc@ga.wa.gov [sbcc@des.wa.gov].

May 13, 2016  
Steve K. Simpson  
Council Chair

**WSR 16-12-014****PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed May 19, 2016, 2:59 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-52 WAC, amendment of the 2015 International Mechanical Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council has received a number of requests to clarify requirements and correct technical errors in the code going into effect on July 1, 2016.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory groups.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tim Nogler, Washington State Building Code Council, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, (360) 407-9280, fax (360) 586-5366, e-mail sbcc@ga.wa.gov [sbcc@des.wa.gov].

May 13, 2016  
Steve K. Simpson  
Council Chair

**WSR 16-12-015**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed May 19, 2016, 3:00 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-56 WAC, amendment of the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state building code council has received a number of requests to clarify requirements and correct technical errors in the code going into effect on July 1, 2016.

Process for Developing New Rule: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory groups.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tim Nogler, Washington State Building Code Council, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, (360) 407-9280, fax (360) 586-5366, e-mail sbcc@ga.wa.gov [sbcc@des.wa.gov].

May 13, 2016  
 Steven K. Simpson  
 Council Chair

**WSR 16-12-016**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed May 19, 2016, 3:25 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-870 WAC, Electronic transmission of prescription information, the pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission) is considering updating the rules regarding the electronic communication of prescription information and making other housekeeping amendments to change "board of pharmacy" to "pharmacy quality assurance commission."

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.64.005 and SSB 5416 (chapter 279, Laws of 2013).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Pharmacy practice and communication of prescription information has changed over the last ten years, especially related to the use of electronic communication systems for prescription information. The commission last updated the electronic transmission of prescription information rules in 2003. To bring the rules in conformance with the changes in federal and state law, the commission is considering updating the rules related to the electronic communication of prescription information. Additionally, in 2013, the legislature passed SSB 5416, which amended the definition of electronic communication of prescription information and updated the requirements for electronic communication systems.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

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. Stakeholders will be invited to participate in rule-writing workshops and provide input throughout the rule-making process. Interested parties can sign-up to receive information, updates, or provide comments to the commission at WSPQAC@doh.wa.gov or by contacting Doreen Beebe, Program Manager, Department of Health, Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852.

May 17, 2016  
 Steven Saxe, R.Ph., FACHE  
 Executive Director  
 Pharmacy Quality  
 Assurance Commission

**WSR 16-12-018**  
**WITHDRAWAL OF**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

[Filed May 20, 2016, 7:52 a.m.]

The health care authority requests withdrawal of the pre-proposal statement of inquiry filed as WSR 16-10-040, distributed in the 16-10 State Register, regarding WAC 182-501-0010.

Wendy Barcus  
 Rules Coordinator

**WSR 16-12-023**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

(Washington Apple Health)

[Filed May 20, 2016, 1:31 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-500-0020 Washington apple health definitions—C and other related 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 adding a definition for client in this section.

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.

May 20, 2016  
Wendy Barcus  
Rules Coordinator

### WSR 16-12-037

#### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed May 25, 2016, 10:11 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-840-XXX  
Collection of demographic data at the time of nursing license renewals.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.160, 18.79.202.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The nursing care quality assurance commission (NCQAC) will consider requiring all nurses who renew their license to submit demographic data. The Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers developed the minimum nurse supply dataset (MDS). The same data elements are collected by nursing workforce centers throughout the country. Collection of the standard MDS elements allows each state to analyze their state specific supply data and benchmark with other states. The data is used to describe the current nursing workforce and develop plans to address the shortage. The Washington Center for Nursing is required by RCW 18.79.202 to collect and analyze the data in partnership with NCQAC collecting data.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Carole Reynolds, Washington State Nursing Commission, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone (360) 236-4785, fax (360) 236-4738, Carole.Reynolds@doh.wa.gov. The NCQAC will notify stakeholders of the rule making by posting the information on the department of health web site and sending notification on the NCQAC listserv. NCQAC will hold stakeholder meetings across the state while developing rules. NCQAC will hold a webinar during each stakeholder meeting to increase access.

May 24, 2016  
Paula R. Meyer MSN, RN, FRE  
Executive Director, NCQAC

### WSR 16-12-038

#### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed May 25, 2016, 10:16 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-840-730 and 246-840-750 through 246-840-780 and related sections. The nursing care quality assurance commission (NCQAC) is considering revisions to existing rules to reflect current best practices regarding substance use disorder monitoring and to update the mandatory reporting rule that might be discouraging voluntary participation in monitoring.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, 18.130.070, 18.130.-175.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rule making would allow NCQAC to update rules to reflect current best practices instead of leaving out of date practices in the rules. Rule making would also allow NCQAC to update information to align with the secretary rules. Rule making would also allow the NCQAC to use evidence-based national standards in the substance use monitoring program and which must be in rule to be enforced. Rule making will also allow NCQAC to update all the mandatory reporting rule[s] to make ensure [sure] they reflect best practices and encourage early and voluntary entry into substance use monitoring before a patient is harmed.

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 by contacting Carole Reynolds, Washington State Nursing Commission, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone (360) 236-4785, fax (360) 236-4738, Carole.Reynolds@doh.wa.gov. The NCQAC will notify stakeholders of the rule making by posting the information on the department of health web site and sending notification on the NCQAC listserv. NCQAC will hold stakeholder meetings across the state while developing rules. NCQAC will hold a webinar during each stakeholder meeting to increase access.

May 24, 2016  
Paula R. Meyer MSN, RN, FRE  
Executive Director, NCQAC

### WSR 16-12-047

#### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Naturopathy)

[Filed May 25, 2016, 3:41 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-836-XXX  
Temporary practice permit—Military spouse and state-registered domestic partner eligibility and issuance, the board of naturopathy (board) is considering adding a new section to

provide for temporary practice permits to be issued to military spouses or state-registered domestic partners who hold an out-of-state credential as a naturopathic physician.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.36A.160 and 18.340.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Chapter 18.340 RCW provides that military spouses may receive a temporary practice permit while completing any specific additional credential application requirements in Washington that are not related to a profession's training or practice standard. RCW 1.12.080 requires that the interpretation of the term "spouse" be applied equally to state-registered domestic partners. The board is considering establishing requirements to allow military spouses and domestic partners to obtain the temporary practice permit.

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.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Interested parties can participate in the rule process through meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to join the listserv at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=NATUROPATHY-PROGRAM>. Please address any questions and/or comments to Susan Gragg, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone (360) 236-4941, fax (360) 236-2901, e-mail [susan.gragg@doh.wa.gov](mailto:susan.gragg@doh.wa.gov).

May 25, 2016  
Blake T. Maresh  
Executive Director

#### WSR 16-12-053

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

[Filed May 26, 2016, 7:40 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Fire marshal standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.20.130, 18.46.110, 70.62.290, and 74.15.-050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Updates to chapter 212-12 WAC are necessary to clean up and provide clarification to the existing language to ensure the rules reference and comply with current laws in the state of Washington.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of social and health services, department of health and department of early learning - these organizations also oversee industry standards/certification with regard to fire/life safety and the department will keep them informed throughout the rule-making process.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Deputy State Fire Marshal, Barbara McMullen, Fire Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 42600, Olympia, WA 98504, [Barbara.mcmullen@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcmullen@wsp.wa.gov), (360) 596-3911.

May 25, 2016  
John R. Batiste  
Chief

#### WSR 16-12-054

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

[Filed May 26, 2016, 7:44 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Child birth centers.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.46.110.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Updates to chapter 212-44 WAC are necessary to clean up and provide clarification to the existing language to ensure the rules reference and comply with current laws in the state of Washington.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of social and health services and department of health - these organizations also oversee industry standards/certification with regard to fire/life safety and the department will keep them informed throughout the rule-making process.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Deputy State Fire Marshal, Barbara McMullen or Dermott Murphy, Fire Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 42600, Olympia, WA 98504, [Barbara.mcmullen@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcmullen@wsp.wa.gov), (360) 596-3911.

May 25, 2016  
John R. Batiste  
Chief

#### WSR 16-12-055

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

[Filed May 26, 2016, 7:48 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Fire sprinkler system contractors.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.270.900 and 18.160.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The proposed rules will provide clean up to the chapter which will include clarification with regard to the penalty levels for individual/contractor violations as well as provide clarification regarding the certification requirements.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of labor and industries and attorney general's office - these organizations also oversee industry standards/certification with regard to fire/life safety and the department will keep them informed throughout the rule-making process.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Dan Johnson, Fire Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 42600, Olympia, WA 98504-2600, Daniel.johnson@wsp.wa.gov, (360) 596-3913.

May 25, 2016  
John R. Batiste  
Chief

#### WSR 16-12-056

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

[Filed May 26, 2016, 7:52 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Report contents (process control number (PCN) requirement for dispositions).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapters 10.97 and 43.43 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: In 2015, the Washington state auditor's office conducted a performance audit on improving the completeness of criminal history records. One of the audit recommendations is for the Washington state patrol to seek changes to the statute/rule to require that a PCN be entered for every disposition. The proposed changes will provide cleanup to WAC 446-16-070 to require a PCN to be entered.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Administrative office of the courts and attorney general's office - prosecutors and courts enter the dispositions into the system. The requirement to enter the PCNs would occur at the time the disposition is entered. The agency will keep these entities and other stakeholders informed of the proposed changes throughout the rule-making process.

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 by contacting Deborah Collinsworth, Criminal Records Division, P.O. Box 42619, Olympia, WA 98504-2619, Deborah.collinsworth@wsp.wa.gov, (360) 534-2102.

May 25, 2016  
John R. Batiste  
Chief

#### WSR 16-12-059

##### WITHDRAWAL OF PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

[Filed May 26, 2016, 10:34 a.m.]

The department of licensing, transportation services requests the withdrawal of the proposed rule making filed as WSR 15-08-074 and 15-19-016. The CR-101s were filed March 31, 2015 (WSR 15-08-074) and September 3, 2015 (WSR 15-19-016). This document serves as the official notification of our rule withdrawal.

Damon G. Monroe  
Rules Coordinator

#### WSR 16-12-065

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed May 27, 2016, 8:51 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: 2008 early retirement factors.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: EHB 2391, passed in 2007, provided optional subsidized early retirement factors (2008 ERFs) for Plan 2 and Plan 3 members in the state's retirement systems, with restrictions on postretirement employment. This rule-making action will clarify how the department interprets those provisions.

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 Jilene Siegel, Rules Coordinator, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, e-mail Rules@drs.wa.gov, phone (360) 664-7291.

May 27, 2016  
Jilene A. Siegel  
Rules Coordinator

#### WSR 16-12-078

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed May 31, 2016, 9:14 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 296-23-245 Licensed nursing billing instructions, regarding changes to update our payment policies to allow the raising of the reimbursement rate for advanced registered nurse practitioners treating injured workers.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.04.020 and 51.04.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The affected rule describes the rate of reimbursement for the services billed by advanced registered nurse practitioners for professional health care services. The proposed rule change will allow reimbursement for advanced registered nurse practitioners to be raised from ninety to one hundred percent of the professional fee schedule rates.

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 works with external stakeholders by soliciting feedback regarding a rule change through the rule change process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting David Schultz, Department of Labor and Industries, Health Services Analysis, P.O. Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504-4322, phone (360) 902-4244, fax (360) 902-4249, e-mail David.Schultz@Lni.wa.gov.

May 31, 2016  
Joel Sacks  
Director

#### WSR 16-12-079

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY BIG BEND

##### COMMUNITY COLLEGE

[Filed May 31, 2016, 10:06 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Firearms and dangerous weapons (amendment to WAC 132R-117-010), of chapter 132R-117 WAC, General conduct code, relating to the possession of weapons on property owned or controlled by Big Bend Community College.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140; chapter 34.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These revisions are needed to update college standards and processes to better reflect current practices regarding the possession, use, and storage of weapons on college owned or controlled property.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

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. Big Bend Community College welcomes employees, volunteers, donors, and the public to take part in developing rules. At a later date, Big Bend Community College will file with the office of the code reviser a notice of proposed rule making with the formal text. Interested parties can participate in the decision to amend the rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Linda Schoonmaker, Vice-President for Finance and Administration, 7662 Chanute Street N.E., Moses Lake, WA 98837-

3299, lindas@bigbend.edu, melindad@bigbend.edu, phone (509) 793-2002.

May 31, 2016  
Melinda Dourte  
Executive Assistant  
to the President

#### WSR 16-12-080

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

[Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-14—Filed May 31, 2016, 10:44 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Principle based reserving (PBR).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060 and sections 5 (4)(e) and (g), 6 (4)(g), 12, 13(5), 16 (3)(a), and 18 (7)(h)(viii), chapter 142, Laws of 2016.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: During the 2016 legislative session, chapter 142, Laws of 2016 (SB 5180) regarding PBR for life insurance companies was enacted. Under this rule making the commissioner will consider adopting new rules and/or amend existing rules to implement SB 5180.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by July 15, 2016, to Jim Tompkins, P.O. [Box] 40260, Olympia, WA 98504-0260, e-mail rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, fax (360) 586-3109.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jim Tompkins, P.O. [Box] 40260, Olympia, WA 98504-0260, e-mail rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, fax (360) 586-3109.

May 31, 2016  
Mike Kreidler  
Insurance Commissioner

#### WSR 16-12-081

##### PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

[Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-15—Filed May 31, 2016, 10:52 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Administrative hearings.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060, 34.05.220, and 34.05.250.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Over the last several years there has been confusion by those requesting hearings and

participating in hearings, including the office of insurance commissioner, as to the administrative hearing process. Therefore, to try and clear up some of this confusion the commissioner will consider amending existing rules and adopt new rules regarding administrative hearings before the commissioner. These rules may include, but not limited to: Providing a distinction between those "aggrieved" and "licensees," clarify the process for requesting a hearing, clarify the process requirements for prehearing conferences, make provisions for parties to adjudicative proceedings to request reconsideration, the conduct of discovery, filing and consideration of motions, and the office of administrative hearings model rules.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by July 22, 2016, to Jim Tompkins, P.O. Box 40258, Olympia, WA 98504-0258, rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, fax (360) 586-3109.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jim Tompkins, P.O. Box 40258, Olympia, WA 98504-0258, rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, fax (360) 586-3109.

May 31, 2016  
Mike Kreidler  
Insurance Commissioner

**WSR 16-12-082**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**OFFICE OF**  
**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

[Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-16—Filed May 31, 2016, 10:58 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Prescription drug benefit disclosures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.510.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency needs to update its requirements for prescription drug benefit disclosures so that consumers are fully aware of the prescription drug coverage of the plans they purchase.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Health and Human Services has required qualified health plans to meet certain transparency requirements. These rules will be coordinated with federal requirements.

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by July 15, 2016, to Jim Freeburg, rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, fax (360) 586-3109.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jim Freeburg, P.O. Box 40258, Olympia, WA 98504, (360) 725-7170, rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov.

May 31, 2016

Mike Kreidler  
Insurance Commissioner

**WSR 16-12-105**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

[Filed June 1, 2016, 8:49 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering adopting rules for an industrial hemp research program to include a licensing component and related fees, program goals and administration, testing criteria and protocols, and an industrial hemp seed certification program pursuant to chapter 15.49 RCW.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 11, Laws of 2016 1st sp. sess.; RCW 15.49-005; and chapter 34.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: During the 2016 legislative session, the legislature passed ESSB 6206 to authorize the growing of industrial hemp as a legal agricultural activity in this state as part of an agricultural pilot program in conformance with the federal Agricultural Act of 2014, 128 Stat. 912 § 7606. ESSB 6206 requires the department of agriculture to adopt rules establishing an industrial hemp research program to be supervised by the department to study the growth, cultivation, or marketing of industrial hemp. The bill allows the department to adopt rules for the administration of an industrial hemp seed certification program pursuant to chapter 15.49 RCW.

"Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The department of agriculture will coordinate with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to obtain any approvals necessary to establish the program; with the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) to facilitate the issuance of import permits to allow for the importation of industrial hemp seed; and the Washington state patrol and liquor and cannabis board.

Process for Developing New Rule: Department staff will discuss any proposed amendments with affected stakeholders. Affected stakeholders will also have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and will be able to present oral testimony at the public hearing.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Victor Shaul, Seed Program Administrator, Commodity Inspection Division, Washington State Department of Agriculture, 21 North 1st Avenue, Suite 203, Yakima, WA 98902, phone (509) 249-6950, e-mail vshaul@agr.wa.gov.

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**WSR 16-12-109**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**OFFICE OF MINORITY AND**  
**WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending chapter 326-02 WAC, General provisions.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 39.19.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is amending chapter 326-02 WAC to reflect current practices to meet the agency mission and goals. Parts of the rules of this chapter have not been updated since 1992. Overall changes in organization and language are needed to enforce state law.

Process for Developing New Rule: The office of minority and women's business enterprises (OMWBE) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, OWMBE [OMWBE] 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 Mark Kifowit, Public Records Manager/Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 41160, Olympia, WA 98504, phone (360) 664-9750, fax (360) 407-0955, e-mail markk@omwbe.wa.gov.

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**WSR 16-12-111**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Repeal of certain group 12 amusement game rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070, 9.46.0201.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: We have received a petition for rule change to repeal eight rules related to group 12 amusement games. According to the petitioner, "The amended sections in these WAC's are no longer needed as the WSGC just recently adopted multiple amendments in Section WAC 230-13-005 Amusement games authorized that makes Group 12 games no different than Group 1 - 11 games. There is no longer any reason to require Group 12 commercial

amusement operators and manufactures to these restrictions and requirements."

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] July 14 or 15, 2016, at the Red Lion Seattle, 18220 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98188, (206) 246-5535, visit [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov) on July 1 for meeting location and start time; on August 11 or 12, 2016, at the Best Western - Hawks Prairie, 8326 Quinault Drive N.E., Lacey, WA 98516, (360) 456-5655, visit [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov) on August 1 for meeting location and start time; and on September 8 and 9, at the Heathman Lodge - Vancouver, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662, (360) 254-3100, visit [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov) on September 1 for meeting location and start time.

June 1, 2016  
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