

WSR 20-06-014
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed February 20, 2020, 2:49 p.m.]

The Washington department of fish and wildlife is withdrawing preproposal WSR 20-01-083 filed on December 12, 2019.

Please let Michele K. Culver know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Michele K. Culver
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-021
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed February 21, 2020, 4:04 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Assignment policy and special education preendorsement waivers.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Some educator preparation programs issue credits. Some educator preparation programs issue clock hours. The professional educator standards board is considering policy change allowing for both these units in special education preendorsement waivers.

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: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Maren Johnson, 600 Washington Street, Olympia, WA 98504-7200, phone 360-725-6264, email maren.johnson@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

February 21, 2020
 Maren Johnson
 Code Coordinator

WSR 20-06-023
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

[Filed February 24, 2020, 8:56 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 196-20 WAC, Engineers-in-training.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 18.43 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To better define the requirements needed to take the fundamentals-of-engineering exam as well as clarify language that is no longer effective or needs to be rewritten.

Process for Developing New Rule: Notice will be made to stakeholders and active licensees; and will be posted on our website and distributed through the board's listserv. Interested parties may contact the individual listed below and the public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony 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 Shanan Gillespie, P.O. Box 9025, phone 360-664-1570, TTY 711, email shanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov, website <https://brpels.wa.gov/about-us/laws-and-rules/rulemaking-activity/>.

February 24, 2020
 Ken Fuller
 Executive Director

WSR 20-06-024
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

[Filed February 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 196-26A WAC, Registered professional engineers and land surveyor fees; and chapter 196-30 WAC, Fees for on-site wastewater treatment system designers and inspectors.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapters 18.43 and 18.210 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Changes will remove reference to the director of the department of licensing and will speak to the legal history questions on the initial and renewal applications for professional engineers, land surveyors and on-site wastewater designers and inspectors as a requirement for license renewal.

Process for Developing New Rule: Notice will be made to stakeholders and active licensees; and will be posted on our website and distributed through the board and board staff. Interested parties may contact the individual listed below and the public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony 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 Shanan Gillespie, P.O. Box 9025, phone 360-664-1570, TTY 711, email jshanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov [shanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov], website <https://brpels.wa.gov/about-us/laws-and-rules/rulemaking-activity/>.

February 24, 2020

Ken Fuller
Executive Director

WSR 20-06-026
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed February 25, 2020, 9:40 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-945 WAC, Pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission), the department of health (department), in consultation with the commission, is considering creating a new section in the chapter of rule to move existing licensing fees collected by the commission into the new consolidated chapter created by the commission. The department, in consultation with the commission, will also consider changes to renewal cycles, and restructuring the fees for drug researchers as requested by stakeholders during public comment of the pharmacy chapter rewrite.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.70.110 and 43.70.250.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Existing pharmacy fees and renewal cycles are currently adopted in rule. Rule making may be necessary to ensure that the existing pharmacy fee rules are moved to the new single chapter, consistent with the structure of other health profession rules. Amendments to the existing fee and renewal cycle rules may also be necessary to align the two-year renewal cycle with the revised continuing education requirements that will be in the new consolidated single chapter. If changes to the fees and renewal cycles are not made to coincide with the revised continuing education requirements licensees may be required to complete double the amount of continuing education in a single year.

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: 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 Caitlin Gates, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-2932, TTY 711, email pharmacyrules@doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: To receive updates please sign up for our GovDelivery at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/news>.

February 21, 2020
Jessica Todorovich
Chief of Staff
for John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH
Secretary

WSR 20-06-027

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed February 25, 2020, 9:40 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-72 WAC, Medical marijuana consultant certification, the department of health (department) is opening this chapter of rules to consider amendments that would enhance and clarify training requirements and practice parameters of a medical marijuana certified consultant (certified consultant).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.70.040 and 69.51A.290.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is opening this chapter to consider amending these rules in response to a petition request received in February 2019; additionally, the department will be using this opportunity to assess the entire chapter for areas needing clarification or improvement. The department will consider amendments that could provide clarification of a certified consultant's practice parameters, quality indicators that will promote necessary prevention messages, and additional training topics that should be offered by a state approved certified consultant training program.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Under current regulation, to maintain compliance with a medical endorsement, a marijuana retailer must employ a certified consultant with an active credential on staff to be able to serve qualifying patients and their designated providers who want to be registered into the medical marijuana authorization database to receive a medical marijuana recognition card. The department will coordinate on draft rule amendments with the Washington state liquor and cannabis board as they have statutory authority to enforce the retailer license and medical endorsement.

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 Shelly Rowden, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-2820, TTY 711, email medicalmarijuana@doh.wa.gov, website <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Marijuana/MedicalMarijuana/LawsandRules>.

Additional comments: Interested parties may receive emails or text alerts about this rule-making effort by subscribing to GovDelivery at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. Look for [Health Systems Quality Assurance > Health Professions > Medical Marijuana Program].

February 21, 2020
Jessica Todorovich
Chief of Staff
for John Wiesman, DrPh, MPH
Secretary

WSR 20-06-028
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed February 25, 2020, 9:43 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Eligibility to apply for approval as a clock hour provider.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 181-85 WAC.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Allow all professional educator standards board approved educator preparation programs to be eligible to apply to serve as Washington state clock hour providers.

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: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Maren Johnson, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6264, email maren.johnson@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

February 25, 2020
Maren Johnson
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-031
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

[Filed February 26, 2020, 1:23 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 4-30-100 What are the rules governing reciprocity for accountants from foreign countries, and 4-30-102 How do I apply for an initial Washington state license through foreign reciprocity?

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.04.055.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board of accountancy proposes amending WAC 4-30-100 and 4-30-102 to: (1) Rename the rule; (2) add requirements from board policy into the rule; and (3) specify the requirements for foreign reciprocity licensure.

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 Kirsten Donovan, Rules Coordinator, Washington State Board of Accountancy, P.O. Box 9131, Olympia, WA 98507-9131, phone 360-664-9191, fax 360-664-9190, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email Kirsten.donovan@acb.wa.gov, website <https://acb.wa.gov/>.

February 26, 2020

Charles E. Satterlund, CPA
Executive Director

WSR 20-06-037
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PARAEDUCATOR BOARD

[Filed February 27, 2020, 9:03 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Special education subject matter certificate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 179-15 WAC.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To further clarify the rules concerning the implementation of the special education subject matter certificate by school districts or other providers.

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: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jack Busbee, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6264, email jack.busbee@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

February 27, 2020
Jack Busbee
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-042
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed February 28, 2020, 5:35 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 182-524 WAC, COFA Islander health care; other related rules as appropriated.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 74.09.719, ESB 5274, Laws of 2019.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is creating a new section within chapter 182-524 WAC to implement RCW 74.09.719, which provides dental services for compact of free association (COFA) islanders. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related 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: Not applicable.

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 Michael Williams (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1346, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email michael.williams@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Shaunie McLeod (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45505, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1850, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email shaunie.mcleod@hca.gov.wa, website www.hca.wa.gov.

February 28, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

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 Michael Williams (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1346, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunications relay services (TRS) 711, email michael.williams@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Shanna Muirhead (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45530, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1153, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email shanna.muirhead@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

March 2, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-047
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE
[Filed March 2, 2020, 10:56 a.m.]

The Washington department of fish and wildlife is withdrawing preproposal WSR 17-21-100 filed on October 18, 2017.

Please let Michele Culver know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Michele K. Culver
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-049
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
[Filed March 2, 2020, 1:05 p.m.]

The aging and long-term support administration requests the withdrawal of preproposal statement of inquiry notice filed as WSR 19-06-059 on March 5, 2019 (WAC 388-96-808), regarding nursing facility change of ownership.

Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-048
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
[Filed March 2, 2020, 12:28 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 182-537 WAC, School-based health care services; 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 amending this chapter to clarify approved place of service for school-based health care services, to add and update definitions, add additional eligible provider types, and remove outdated language. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related 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: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) via state plan amendment.

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

WSR 20-06-060
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
[Filed March 3, 2020, 10:11 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General reporting rules, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for Washington workers' compensation insurance; chapter 296-17A WAC, Classifications for Washington workers' compensation insurance; and chapter 296-17B WAC, Retrospective rating for workers' compensation insurance.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.16.035, 51.04.020(1), and 51.18.010.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering whether provisions of RCW 51.32.187 regarding presumption of certain occupational diseases for Hanford site workers, necessitate special rates, classifications, and other rating rules for employment covered by RCW 51.32.187 insured with the state fund. The purpose of such rules would be to charge premiums for employment covered by RCW 51.32.187 consistent with recognized insurance principles,

while protecting existing risk classes from having their rates adversely affected by risks present for employment covered by RCW 51.32.187, but not elsewhere.

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: Premium rates for risk classifications are developed in part from the past loss experience of employers subject to the classification, changes in benefit levels mandated by law or court decisions, medical inflation, economic and business trends and financial markets.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Annie Peeples, P.O. Box 44148, Olympia, WA 98504-4148, phone 360-902-4723, fax 360-902-5830, TTY 360-902-5797, email Annie.Peeples@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>.

March 3, 2020
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 20-06-063

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed March 3, 2020, 11:56 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-503-0055 Asset verification system; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 42 U.S.C. 1396w.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is revising subsection (4) to clarify who may authorize for asset verification. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related 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: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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 Valerie Freudenstein (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Mark Westenhaver (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, phone 360-725-1324, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email mark.westenhaver@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

March 3, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-065

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed March 3, 2020, 12:25 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-513-1363 Evaluating an asset transfer for clients applying for or receiving long-term care (LTC) services; chapter 182-516 WAC, Trusts, annuities, life estates, and promissory notes—Effect on medical programs; and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 74.09.585, 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is amending these sections to provide clarity that certain asset transfers can still cause a penalty, even if compensation is made. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related 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: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the department of social and health services (DSHS).

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 Valerie Freudenstein (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Stephen Kozak (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, phone 360-725-1343, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Stephen.kozak@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

March 3, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-06-068**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

[Filed March 3, 2020, 1:51 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Add new section to chapter 392-162 WAC concerning early implementation of K-2 literacy screening requirements - use of.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.300.730.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of the superintendent of public instruction is considering rule making to provide funding parameters to school districts that choose to be early adopters of the early screening of dyslexia (E2SSB 6162 (2018)).

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations respecting new or amended 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 by contacting Aira Jackson, Director of English Language Arts and Literacy, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200, phone 360-725-6228, TTY 360-664-3631, email aira.jackson@k12.wa.us, website www.k12.wa.us.

March 3, 2020
Chris P.S. Reykdal
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction

WSR 20-06-070**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES**

[Filed March 3, 2020, 3:15 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General reporting rules, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for Washington workers' compensation insurance; and chapter 296-17A WAC, Classifications for Washington workers' compensation insurance.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.16.035.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: 2021 Classification and reporting rule making: Classification development's goal is to implement clear rule writing to ensure staff and customers can easily understand and apply the workers' compensation insurance classification and reporting rules. Classification development studied some subclassifications for potential reduction in number; and reviewed classification and reporting rules for improvement and clarification.

The purpose of this rule making is not to make substantive changes to how employers are classified and amendments will not impact employer rates.

As part of this rule making, the department of labor and industries also intends to review these chapters for need, clarity, and consistency to make changes where possible to reduce the regulatory burden on employers insured with the state fund.

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: L&I will solicit input from the business community by way of the internet. L&I will use input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by the internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jo Anne Attwood, P.O. Box 44148, Olympia, WA 98504-4148, phone 360-902-4777, fax 360-902-4988, email JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov, website www.Lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity.

March 3, 2020
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 20-06-073**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**

[Filed March 3, 2020, 4:12 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 308-30 WAC, Notaries public.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 42.45.250.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rule changes are necessary to update the WAC to incorporate changes required by SB 5641 to establish new rules for remote notarization by notary licensees. SB 5641 is effective October 1, 2020, and was passed by the 2019 legislature which allows a Washington notary public to perform remote notarization.

Process for Developing New Rule: Department staff will converse with interested stakeholders on proposed amendments. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss at public meetings, provide written comments and can provide testimony at the public meeting.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jeanne Lockhart, Department of Licensing, Business and Professions Division, Notary Program, P.O. Box 9027, Olympia, WA 98507-9027, phone 360-664-1550, TTY 711, email notaries@dol.wa.gov, website www.dol.wa.gov.

March 3, 2020
Damon Monroe
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