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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Reduce conflict in the definition of small businesses.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 39.04.155, 47.01.101, and 47.28.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The rules are being modified as the current definition of small business allows for firms certified by the Washington state office of minority and women's business enterprises or registered in Washington's electronic business solution to participate in the small and veteran's business enforceable goals program.

The Washington state office of minority and women's business enterprises and Washington's electronic business solution have different size standards. This difference may cause unnecessary confusion and the agency will be creating different standards for businesses based upon ownership, which is not the intent of the program.

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: Washington state department of transportation will solicit comments from its stakeholders via email, stakeholder meetings, advisory groups and other available means.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jackie Bayne, 310 Maple Park Avenue S.E., phone 360-705-7084, fax 360-705-6801, TTY 711, email BayneJ@wsdot.wa.gov, website www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity.

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