

WSR 21-05-055
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Fee increase under consideration for the electrical rules under WAC 296-46B-906 Inspection fees, 296-46B-909 Electrical/telecommunications contractor's license, administrator certificate and examination, master electrician certificate and examination, electrician certificate and examination, copy, and miscellaneous fees, and 296-46B-911 Electrical testing laboratory and engineer accreditation fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and electrical installations, including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to consider a fee increase of 5.79 percent for the electrical program to support operating expenses for inspections and other program services. This is the office of financial management's maximum allowable fiscal growth rate for fiscal year 2022. The department of labor and industries evaluated the budget and projected revenue of the program and determined a fee increase is needed to help cover the cost of ongoing services.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate, after amendments are proposed, by providing written comments and testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Alicia Curry, Department of Labor and Industries, Field Services and Public Safety Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-902-6244, fax 360-902-5292, email Alicia.Curry@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies>.

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