

**WSR 21-06-104**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**LABOR AND INDUSTRIES**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Updates to chapter 296-400A WAC, Plumber certification rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 153, Laws of 2020, SB 6170; and chapter 18.106 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Labor and industries (L&I) is considering adopting rules to amend chapter 206-400A WAC, Plumber certification rules, in order to implement the legislative changes made within 2020's Plumbing Act (chapter 153, Laws of 2020, SB 6170) that will addresses the following:

- Adjusting fees related to journey level and specialty plumber certification;
- Modifying how plumbing contractors license, renew, and reinstate their license;
- Modifying plumbing certificates and competency examinations;
- Modifying records and licenses plumbing contractors need to keep and report; and
- Adding and amending definitions.

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: L&I will develop the rule language with input from stakeholders. Interested parties may participate in the decision to adopt the amended rules and formulation of the rules before publication by contacting the individual below. The public may also participate, after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment period.

For more information on this rule making, visit L&I's Rulemaking Activity website at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/?query=296-400A> or contact the individual below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Beverly Clark, P.O. Box 44470, Olympia, WA 98504-4470, phone 360-902-6272, fax 360-902-5292, email Beverly.Clark@Lni.wa.gov.

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