

WSR 21-07-029
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Lowering dust wipe clearance standards for floors and window sills, and updating what are "common areas" in child occupied facilities.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 70A.420 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) increased the federal requirement for clearance standards effective January 6, 2020. The department is required to implement these rule changes to be at-least-as-effective as the federal requirements. The department will also clarify what is included in the existing definition of common areas in-child occupied facilities for abatement purposes.

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

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 by contacting Devin Proctor, P.O. Box 4252, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-2999, fax 360-586-8440, email devin.proctor@commerce.wa.gov, website commerce.wa.gov.

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