

**WSR 21-20-054**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
(Economic Services Administration)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department plans to adopt new WAC 388-436-XXXX Pandemic emergency assistance fund (PEAF), and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments planned under this filing will allow for issuance of pandemic emergency assistance funds, a one-time cash payment, to all families with children receiving TANF/SFA or SNAP/FAP whose household income is at or below 75 percent of the federal poverty level. This funding is part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Title IX, Subtitle C, Sec. 9201), enacted March 2021.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to 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 Jennie Fitzpatrick, Economic Services Administration, Community Services Division, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-688-6275, fax 360-725-4905, email [jennie.fitzpatrick@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:jennie.fitzpatrick@dshs.wa.gov).

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