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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Fee increase consideration for elevators under WAC 296-96-00922, 296-96-01005, 296-96-01010, 296-96-01025, 296-96-01027, 296-96-01030, 296-96-01035, 296-96-01040, 296-96-01045, 296-96-01055, 296-96-01057, 296-96-01060, and 296-96-01065.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 70.87 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to consider a 5.79 percent fee increase for inspections of conveyances and other elevator program public safety activities. This is the office of financial management's maximum allowable fiscal growth factor rate for fiscal year 2022. The current fee levels are not enough to cover current program expenses. A fee increase is needed to ensure the program's revenues match expenditures, otherwise, service levels may need to be reduced.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and [the] 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/or 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 Kimmie Stringfellow, Administrative Assistant, Department of Labor and Industries, Field Services and Public Safety, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-902-5039, fax 360-902-5292, email Kimmie.Stringfellow@Lni.wa.gov, website https://lni.wa.gov/ licensing-permits/elevators/laws-rules-policies#rule-development.

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