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WSR 22-04-106 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-422-0020 What if you are afraid that cooperating with the division of child support (DCS) may be dangerous for you or the child in your care?; 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, 74.08.090, 74.04.510.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They

Might Accomplish: Planned amendments to WAC 388-422-0020 will clarify good cause for noncooperation with DCS under the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The community services division will notify its WorkFirst partner agencies who assist with providing services to TANF WorkFirst families to ensure they are informed of this policy change and any impacts it may have on cross-agency processes.

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 Sarah Garcia, P.O. Box 45440, Olympia, WA 98504-5440, phone 360-522-2214, email sarah.garcia@dshs.wa.gov.

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