

WSR 22-14-098
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-304 WAC, Safety standards for ship repairing, shipbuilding and shipbreaking.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The division of occupational safety and health (DOSH) is conducting rule making to better align chapter 296-304 WAC, Safety standards for ship repairing, shipbuilding and shipbreaking, with the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) personal protective equipment requirements for eye and face protection for shipyard employment found at 29 C.F.R. 1915, Subpart I.

This rule making may incorporate additional changes; as well as housekeeping and formatting changes.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: OSHA, 29 C.F.R. 1915, Subpart I. OSHA updated personal protective equipment requirements for eye and face protection for shipyard employment found at 29 C.F.R. 1915, Subpart I. This requires department of labor and industries (L&I) update chapter 296-304 WAC, Safety standards for ship repairing, shipbuilding and shipbreaking, to be at-least-as-effective-as OSHA requirements, as required per chapter 49.17 RCW, The Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act.

Process for Developing New Rule: Parties interested in the formulation of these rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Cathy Coates, Administrative Regulations Analyst, L&I, DOSH, P.O. Box 44620, Olympia, WA 98504-4620, phone 360-902-5432, fax 360-902-5619, email Cathy.Coates@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://www.lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>.

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