

WSR 23-13-025
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-310-1600 WorkFirst—Sanctions, and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.025, 74.08.090, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, 74.62.030; and chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments will support implementation of 2SHB 1447 (chapter 418, Laws of 2023), which adds a good cause reason for failure to participate in WorkFirst program activities if a recipient is experiencing a hardship as defined by DSHS in rule.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DSHS will notify its WorkFirst partner agencies who assist with providing these services to 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: 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 Jake Deskins, P.O. Box 45440, Olympia, WA 98504-5440, phone 360-480-3411, email deskij@dshs.wa.gov.

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