

WSR 23-15-012
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of health (department) is considering amending chapter 246-08 WAC, Practice and procedure, rules regarding department public records requests. Amendments under consideration are a result of changes in statutes, changes in internal operations, staffing reorganization, and to provide clear, concise, and reasonable rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 42.56 RCW and RCW 43.70.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department has statutory authority to adopt rules within chapter 246-08 WAC. The rules are of general applicability, adopted as authorized by law, and include statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the agency. These rules have not been reviewed for potential changes in over 15 years. Over the years, some state laws have been updated or changed, and internal department processes have been streamlined. Amendments may be necessary to update and clarify the existing rules. The department will consider amending the rules as a result of the review.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Melanee Auldredge, Public Disclosure Manager, Center Facilities Risk Adjudication, P.O. Box 47890, Olympia, WA 98504-7825 [7890], phone 360-819-6768, TTY 733 [711], email melanee.auldredge@doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Anyone interested in this rule making who would like to be on the interested parties list, please contact Melanee Auldredge.

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