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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Definitions related to vehicle dealers and manufacturers.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.01.110 Rule-making authority, and 46.70.160 Rules and regulations.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Currently, there is ambiguity in the definition of a vehicle dealer versus a manufacturer, and what activities each business type is allowed to participate in. This has led to confusion and issues amongst industry members, requiring opinions from the attorney general's office. The department of licensing is considering rule making to further define each type of business practice to provide clarity for industry members on allowable activities.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-3846, email [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov), website [dol.wa.gov/about/rulemaking-activity](http://dol.wa.gov/about/rulemaking-activity); or Kathe McDaniel, 405 Black Lake Boulevard S.W., Olympia, WA 98502, phone 360-664-1386, email [kmcdaniel@dol.wa.gov](mailto:kmcdaniel@dol.wa.gov).

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