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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General reporting rules, audit and recordkeeping, rates and rating system for Washington workers' compensation insurance; and chapter 296-17A WAC, Classifications for Washington workers' compensation insurance.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.16.035 and 51.04.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of labor and industries' (L&I) classification development section's goal is to fairly apply the workers' compensation insurance classifications. Classification development is reviewing Classification 4906 Institutions of higher learning to ensure fair and equitable rates.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state, local, or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for Developing New Rule: L&I will solicit input from the business community by way of the internet. L&I will use input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by the internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jo Anne Attwood, L&I, Insurance Services, Employer Services, P.O. Box 44148, Olympia, WA 98504-4148, phone 360-902-4777, fax 360-902-4988, email JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov, website www.Lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity.

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