

## WSR 24-14-004

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending WAC 192-320-070 What conditions apply for relief of benefit charges due to a voluntary quit? (RCW 50.29.021.)

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.12.042, 50.29.021.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: RCW 50.29.021 has been updated numerous times by the legislature, and WAC 192-320-070 contains language from prior versions of the statute. The list of voluntary quits in the rule should be updated to reflect the current list of good cause reasons for quitting employment under RCW 50.20.050, and the rule needs to be updated to align with the current benefit charging structure in RCW 50.29.021.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) reviews the state's administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of the unemployment insurance laws so long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for Developing New Rule: Draft rules will be shared with the public and stakeholders. The employment security department will solicit input from all parties and consider all comments in the development of final rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Stephanie Frazee, P.O. Box 9046, phone 425-465-0313, fax 844-652-7096, TTY relay 711, email [stephanie.frazee@esd.wa.gov](mailto:stephanie.frazee@esd.wa.gov), website <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/rulemaking/>.

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