

**WSR 24-18-057**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
(Washington Medical Commission)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Anesthesiologist assistants; the Washington medical commission (commission) is considering creating a new chapter of rules under Title 246 WAC to establish licensing regulations for anesthesiologist assistants.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.71.017, 18.130.050; and SB 5184 (chapter 362, Laws of 2024), codified in chapter 18.71D RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Chapter 18.71D RCW directs the commission to adopt rules necessary to implement a licensure program for anesthesiologist assistants. The rules must include education, training, and examination requirements for initial licensure.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-918-6336, TTY 711, email [amelia.boyd@wmc.wa.gov](mailto:amelia.boyd@wmc.wa.gov), website <https://wmc.wa.gov>.

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