

WSR 20-21-006**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BELLEVUE COLLEGE**

[Filed October 8, 2020, 2:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Weapons and fireworks.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW; and RCW 28B.50.140.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Bellevue College plans to codify its weapons and fireworks policy in the Washington Administrative Code.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: This rule making will be in accordance with the following state and municipal rules: City of Bellevue - Fire Code: 23.11.5608.2 Fireworks Discharge Prohibited; RCW 9.41.010 Terms defined; and RCW 9.41.050 Carrying firearms.

Process for Developing New Rule: Changes to the existing policy on this topic will be presented to the campus community for feedback and a public meeting (via Zoom) will be held.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nadescha Bunje, 3000 Landerholm Circle S.E., phone 425-564-5669, TTY 425-564-6189, email nadescha.bunje@bellevuecollege.edu, website <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/>.

October 8, 2020
Tracy Biga MacLean
Associate Director

WSR 20-21-013**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

[Filed October 9, 2020, 8:53 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-503-0090 Washington apple health—Exceptions to rule; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is amending WAC 182-503-0090 to specify the department of social and health services (DSHS) administrations responsible for processing exceptions to rule related to long-term services and supports programs. The agency is also making nonsubstantive changes for consistency with other agency rules. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DSHS.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early

rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Brian Jensen (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Mark Westenhaver (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, phone 360-725-1324, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email mark.westenhaver@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

October 9, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-014**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

[Filed October 9, 2020, 9:49 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 516-21 WAC, Student conduct code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.35.120(12); and 20 U.S.C. 1681-1688.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Update student conduct code to be in compliance with new Title IX federal regulations from the Department of Education. The new rules went into effect August 14, 2020.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Sledge, Executive Director, Student Life, 516 High Street, Mailstop 9105, Bellingham, WA 98225, phone 360-650-2484, TTY Washington relay 711, email Michael.Sledge@wwu.edu, website <https://wp.wwu.edu/officeofstudentlife/student-conduct-process/>; or Jennifer Sloan, Rules Coordinator, 516 High Street, Mailstop 9015, Bellingham, WA 98225, phone 360-650-3117, TTY Washington relay 711, email Jennifer.Sloan@wwu.edu, website <https://rcps.wwu.edu/rules-coordinator/>.

October 9, 2020
Jennifer L. Sloan
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-017**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

[Filed October 9, 2020, 11:19 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 260-52-045 The riding crop.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 67.16.020.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To consider adopting an anticipated Association of Racing Commissioners International model rule regarding the use of the crop.

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 Douglas L. Moore, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 209, Olympia, WA 98516, phone 360-450-6462, fax 360-450-6461, TTY 360-450-6462, email doug.moore@whrc.state.wa.us, website www.whrc.wa.gov; or Amanda Benton, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 209, Olympia, WA 98516, phone 360-450-6462, fax 360-450-6461, TTY 360-450-6462, email amanda.benton@whrc.state.wa.us, website www.whrc.wa.gov.

October 9, 2020
Douglas L. Moore
Executive Secretary

WSR 20-21-030**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

[Filed October 12, 2020, 8:44 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The Evergreen State College Student conduct code, chapter 174-123 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.40.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Update our student rules to be in compliance with new Title IX federal regulations from the Department of Education.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Education.

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by December 1, 2020.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Lori Johnson, 2700 Evergreen Parkway N.W., L3009, phone 360-867-6298, email johnslo@evergreen.edu.

October 6, 2020
Daniel B. Ralph
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-034**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

[Filed October 12, 2020, 11:46 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering amending WAC 388-97-1740 Disaster and emergency preparedness, 388-97-1760 Quality assessment and assurance, 388-97-2400 Resident rooms; and other related rules as may be required to identify the period of time that portions of the rules were suspended during the declared emergency of COVID-19 per Proclamation by the Governor 20-05.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.42.620.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making is necessary to establish a timeframe when portions of the rules were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, and nursing homes were not required to comply with the suspended portions of the rules.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal rules regarding nursing home quality assurance, fire drills, and windows in resident rooms were amended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through an 1135 blanket waiver in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The amended federal rules are effective March 1, 2020, through the end of the national emergency declaration. The department will monitor federal nursing home communication to ensure this rule making reflects the same span of time as the suspended federal rule regarding clinical records. This will help ensure federal and state rules remain similar and provide for consistent application of clinical record rules during the investigation process.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department will use a collaborative rule-making process to develop and receive comments on the draft rules. Draft material and information about how to participate in the rule-making process may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Lisa Herke, Policy Program Manager, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 509-209-3088, fax 360-725-3224, email lisa.herke@dshs.wa.gov.

October 12, 2020
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-039

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Filed October 13, 2020, 8:13 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering rule changes related to wolf management in chapter 220-440 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.240, 77.36.030, 77.36.100, 77.36.110, and 77.36.130.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Pursuant to the authority in RCW 34.05.330 (3)(b), on September 4, 2020, the governor directed the department's fish and wildlife commission to initiate rule-making proceedings.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Fish and Wildlife Service regulates wolves in the federally listed portion of the state and Washington department of agriculture regulates grants for deployment of nonlethal wolf deterrence. The department will advise and seek input from these agencies.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, P.O. Box 43200, phone 360-902-2515, email WolfRule@dfw.wa.gov, website wdfw.wa.gov.

October 13, 2020
Ben Power
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-050

**WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

[Filed October 13, 2020, 3:31 p.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.335 and WAC 01-21-060, the department of retirement systems withdraws the following Preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101):

WSR	Filed	Subject of Possible Rule Making
17-20-073	October 2, 2017	Eligibility for membership in the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' (LEOFF) retirement system.

Comments, questions or concerns may be directed to Jilene Siegel at 360-664-7291, or drs.rules@drs.wa.gov.

Jilene Siegel
Rules and Contracts Manager

WSR 20-21-054

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed October 14, 2020, 10:24 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-50 WAC, Amendment of the 2018 International Building Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To respond to legislative mandates affecting the building code per chapter 51-04 WAC and RCW 19.27.074.

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: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory group review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Richard Brown, Managing Director, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, phone 360-407-9277, email richard.brown@des.wa.gov, website www.sbcc.wa.gov.

October 14, 2020
Diane Glenn, Chair
State Building Code Council

WSR 20-21-055

**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

[Filed October 14, 2020, 10:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 51-54A WAC, Amendment of the 2018 International Fire Code.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27.074.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To respond to legislative mandates affecting the fire code per chapter 51-04 WAC and RCW 19.27.074.

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: Stakeholder and subject expert technical advisory group review.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Richard Brown, Managing Director, P.O. Box 41449, Olympia, WA 98504-1449, phone 360-407-9277, email richard.brown@des.wa.gov, website www.sbcc.wa.gov.

October 14, 2020
Diane Glenn, Chair
State Building Code Council

WSR 20-21-057
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed October 14, 2020, 2:44 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is conducting periodic status reviews for species currently listed as sensitive, threatened, or endangered (WAC 220-200-100 and 220-610-010). Species to be reviewed include the following: Common loon, sage grouse, white pelican, gray whale, humpback whale, western gray squirrel, Oregon spotted frog, and ferruginous hawk.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.13, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department will review all relevant data pertaining to the population status and factors affecting existence in Washington for the species under review. Based on the information collected and reviewed, the department will make recommendations to maintain the species current listing status, or reclassify species to sensitive, threatened, or endangered. The department may also recommend to "delist" the species and reclassify as protected wildlife or unclassified wildlife.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal and state agencies that regulate these species include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and Washington department of natural resources. The department will coordinate with appropriate entities during the review period.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, P.O. Box 43200, phone 360-902-2515, email wildthing@dfw.wa.gov, website wdfw.wa.gov.

October 14, 2020
 Ben Power
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-058
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed October 14, 2020, 2:44 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering a recommendation to classify Oregon vesper sparrow, island marble butterfly, and Cascade red fox as state endangered, threatened, or sensitive (WAC 220-610-010 and 220-200-100).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is responsible for making recommendations regarding listing status of certain animal species, and if those species should be classified as sensitive, threatened, or endangered. To properly classify the status of the Oregon vesper sparrow, island marble butterfly, and Cascade red fox the department will review all relevant data pertaining to the population status and factors affecting existence in Washington state. Initial review indicates that the species have declined significantly and multiple factors negatively affect their continued existence in Washington.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: For Oregon vesper sparrow, island marble butterfly, and Cascade red fox federal and state agencies that regulate or support occurrences of this species include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of Defense, National Park Service, and United States Forest Service. The department will coordinate with appropriate federal and state agencies during the review period.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, P.O. Box 43200, phone 360-902-2515, email wildthing@dfw.wa.gov, website wdfw.wa.gov.

October 14, 2020
 Ben Power
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-064
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

[Filed October 15, 2020, 11:42 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 478-121 WAC, Student conduct code for the University of Washington.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.20.130.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The University of Washington currently has an emergency rule in place that allowed us to be in compliance with the new United States Department of Education Title IX regulations by their deadline date of August 14, 2020. The university is now developing permanent rules in order to maintain compliance.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting the University of Washington Policy

and Rules Office, P.O. Box 351210, Seattle, WA 98195,
email rules@uw.edu, website <https://www.washington.edu/rules/wac/>.

October 15, 2020
Barbara Lechtanski, Director
University Policy and Rules Office

WSR 20-21-072

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

[Filed October 16, 2020, 11:33 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The long-term services and supports trust program under Title 50B RCW requires rule making for implementation. Rule making is being done in distinct phases. This preproposal statement of inquiry begins phase 2 to implement portions of the program that are under the employment security department's (ESD) authority. This phase includes, but is not limited to, premium collection, collective bargaining agreement exemptions, election of coverage by self-employed individuals, refunds, cadence of reporting and payments, appeals, and other rules as necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 50B.04 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: ESD must implement and administer portions of chapter 50B.04 RCW.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Washington state health care authority, department of social and health services, and office of the state actuary. ESD's rules drafting timeline will be shared with these agencies and feedback will be requested from them throughout the rule-making process.

Process for Developing New Rule: The draft rules will be shared with other state agencies, the public, stakeholders, and the program's commission and council. ESD will solicit input from all involved parties and consider all comments in the development of the final rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting April Amundson, 640 Woodland Square Loop S.E., Lacey, WA 98503 [98503], phone 360-485-2816, TTY Teresa Eckstein, state EO officer, 771 [711] or 360-902-9354, email Rules@esd.wa.gov, website <https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/289/pages/431-current-rulemaking>.

October 16, 2020
April Amundson
Policy and Rules Manager
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Long-term Services and Supports

WSR 20-21-093

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed October 20, 2020, 11:58 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Wildfire smoke, chapter 296-62 WAC, General occupational health standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency recognizes the hazard of wildfire smoke exposure is increasing every year and is now potentially presenting important health risks to all outdoor workers including those in construction and agriculture. Labor and industries has received a petition for rule making on this topic as well. California has adopted rules for workplace safety and health rules regarding wildfire smoke.

Wildfire smoke and cleanup presents hazards that employers and workers in affected regions must understand. Smoke from wildfires contains chemicals, gases and fine particles that can harm health. Health hazards continue even after fires have been extinguished and cleanup work begins. Proper protective equipment and training are essential for worker safety in wildfire regions.

Some of the issues that may be addressed are:

- Identification of harmful exposures;
- Communication;
- Training and instruction; and
- Control of harmful exposures.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Cynthia Ireland, Administrative Regulations Analyst, Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, P.O. Box 44620, Olympia, WA 98504-4620, phone 360-902-5522, fax 360-902-5619, email Cynthia.Ireland@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>.

October 20, 2020
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 20-21-094
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BELLEVUE COLLEGE

[Filed October 20, 2020, 12:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Revising chapter 132H-116 WAC regarding parking and traffic rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW; and RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To update the current parking and traffic rules with the intention to remove and/or update outdated information while also providing greater clarity to better serve our campus community.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Title 46 RCW, Motor vehicles, and the City of Bellevue City Code Chapter 14.60 Transportation Development Code.

Process for Developing New Rule: Proposed changes are being presented to the campus community for feedback and a public meeting will be held.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Anthony Manahan, 3000 Landerholm Circle S.E., D171, phone 425-564-2352, fax 425-564-6136, TTY 425-564-6189, email anthony.manahan@bellevuecol.edu, website www.bellevuecollege.edu.

October 20, 2020
 Tracy Biga MacLean
 Associate Director

WSR 20-21-095
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
 (Developmental Disabilities Administration)

[Filed October 20, 2020, 1:48 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-823-0500, 388-823-0510, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The developmental disabilities administration (DDA) is planning to amend these rules to align with changes made to the diagnostic statistical manual and clarify rule language at the request of stakeholders. During the course of this review, the department may make additional changes that are necessary to improve clarity or update policy.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date,

DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Chantelle Diaz, DDA, P.O. Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310, phone 360-407-1589, fax 360-407-0955, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email chantelle.diaz@dshs.wa.gov.

October 20, 2020
 Katherine I. Vasquez
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-101
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed October 21, 2020, 7:41 a.m.]

The Washington department of fish and wildlife is withdrawing WSR 18-05-035 filed on February 12, 2018.

Benjamin Power
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-103
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed October 21, 2020, 9:14 a.m.]

The health care authority requests withdrawal of the Pre-proposal statement of inquiry filed as WSR 18-21-073, distributed in the 18-21 State Register, regarding chapter 182-531 WAC.

Wendy Barcus
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-106
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed October 21, 2020, 10:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-550-2600 Inpatient psychiatric services; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is amending this section to replace outdated terms such as "residential support network (RSN)" and "mental health designee," to delete references to the department of mental health, and to update lan-

guage regarding authorization and certification for inpatient psychiatric care consistent with the current managed care and administrative services organization structure. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

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: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Williams (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, phone 360-725-1346, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email michael.williams@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Josh Morse (Program Questions), P.O. Box 42712, phone 360-725-0839, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email josh.morse@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

October 21, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-109
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed October 21, 2020, 11:09 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Annuity purchases.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To clarify the sources of funds that may be used to purchase a defined benefit annuity.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jilene Siegel, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email Rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules/.

October 21, 2020
Jilene Siegel
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-21-112
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[Filed October 21, 2020, 11:53 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapters 392-401 and 392-401A WAC, statewide definition of absence, excused and unexcused.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.300.046.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is initiating permanent rule making to make adjustments to the rules regarding absences in a continued effort to support the state and school districts in addressing the challenge of chronic absenteeism, improving learning outcomes and success in school for all students, and supporting the whole child. In addition, because health and safety considerations for staff and students related to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to require many school districts to provide instruction remotely, either completely or partially, OSPI is initiating rule making to adjust the statewide definition of absence to reflect districts' ongoing need to provide remote learning for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. OSPI is further considering adjusting the definition of absence to reflect remote learning opportunities in future school years.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations respecting new or amended rules, and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules. OSPI will follow the process for establishing a definition of student absence from school as prescribed in RCW 28A.300.046 (1)(a).

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Krissy Johnson, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6045, TTY 360-664-3631, email krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us, website k12.wa.us.

October 21, 2020
Chris P. S. Reykdal
State Superintendent
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