

**WSR 21-13-126**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
(Economic Services Administration)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-484-0006 TANF/SFA time limit extensions, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These amendments expand temporary assistance for needy families time limit extension hardship criteria under RCW 74.08A.010 (5) (a) (1) [(i)] by adding a temporary time limit extension related to post-pandemic recovery (from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) and a time limit extension category related to 2SSB 5214 (chapter 239, Laws of 2021) effective July 25, 2021.

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 Jennie Fitzpatrick, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-688-6275, fax 360-725-4905, email fitzpjr@dshs.wa.gov.

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