

WSR 21-21-086
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Consideration of fee increase for contractor registration under WAC 296-200A-900 What fees does the department charge contractors for issuance, renewal, reregistration, and reinstatement of certificates of registration?

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 18.27 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to consider a 5.79 percent fee increase for the department of labor and industry's (L&I) contractor registration program. This is the office of financial management's maximum allowable fiscal growth factor rate for fiscal year 2022. The contractor registration program registers contractors to ensure that all general and specialty contractors operating in Washington state have appropriate bonding and insurance. RCW 18.27.075 requires L&I to charge a fee for issuing or renewing a certificate of registration and to revise the fee at least once every two years for the purposes of recognizing economic changes as reflected by the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW. A fee increase is needed to ensure the program remains consistent with fee increases as required by statute and to help improve the program's fund balance.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate, after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Alicia Curry, L&I, Field Services and Public Safety Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-902-6244, fax 360-902-5292, email Alicia.Curry@Lni.wa.gov.

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