Subject of Possible Rule Making: Auctioneers, bail bond and bond recovery agents, body art, piercing, and tattooing, camping resorts, collection agencies, combative sports, commercial telephone solicitors, cosmetology, certified court reporters, employment agencies, home inspectors, notary publics, private investigators, scrap metal businesses, security guards, sellers of travel, timeshares, and white-water river outfitters WAC that reference fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.24.086 Fee policy for professions, occupations, and businesses—Determination by rule.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is required to set fees for each professional, occupational, or business licensing program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that program. Many of these programs have not seen an increase in fees for some time, some since as far back as 1990. Current fees are insufficient to sustain these programs. The department is considering fee increases that would go into effect the summer of 2022.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.


Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-3846.

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