

WSR 22-04-006
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE SERVICES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amend chapter 200-110 WAC, Local government self-insurance health and welfare program.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.62.061 Rule making by state risk manager—Standards.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Update of the rules is necessary to align with statutory changes placing health insurance for school employees under the oversight of the newly formed school employees benefits board. Other content changes are needed to align with recent changes to other self-insurance rules addressing solvency requirements and independent audit requirements.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The department of enterprise services (DES) will communicate and coordinate with the office of insurance commissioner, which has an interest in the rules governing joint self-insurance programs, as necessary. DES will also communicate with the state auditor's office, which is currently responsible for financial and accountability audits of local governments.

Process for Developing New Rule: DES staff will hold one or more workshops with anyone interested in participating in developing a proposed rule. An opportunity will also be provided for anyone to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and present oral testimony at the public hearings. The public is encouraged to participate in all agency rule making. Opportunities to participate in agency rule-making activities are provided on the DES rule-making website <https://des.wa.gov/about/policies-laws-rules/rulemaking>.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jack Zeigler, Policy and Rules Manager, 1500 Jefferson [Street S.E.], Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-407-9209, email jack.zeigler@des.wa.gov, website <https://des.wa.gov/about/policies-laws-rules/rulemaking>.

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