

WSR 22-17-100
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Implementation of energy efficiency standards and design requirements enacted in 2022 (ESHB 1619, chapter 19, Laws of 2022) for appliances, commercial kitchen equipment, and other products; updates and amendments to chapter 194-24 WAC to reflect changes in federal standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.260.070(7); chapter 19, Laws of 2022.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The 2022 legislation requires updates to state standards through rules. The legislation also requires rules referencing the new standards and test methods adopted through this bill, including compliance dates.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Department of Energy; federal standards in some cases preempt state standards.

Process for Developing New Rule: Standard rule-making process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Liz Reichart, 1011 Plum Street S.E., phone 360-515-8194, email appliances@commerce.wa.gov, website commerce.wa.gov/appliances.

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