

WSR 23-16-024
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-418-0005 How will I know what changes to report?, 388-470-0005 How do resources affect my eligibility for cash assistance and basic food?, 388-470-0045 How do my resources count toward the resource limits for cash assistance?, 388-470-0070 How vehicles are counted toward the resource limit for cash assistance, and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.005, 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: Effective February 1, 2024, planned amendments will expand resource exemptions for community services division cash programs and increase the cash resource limit from \$6,000 to \$12,000. These amendments are necessary to implement 2SHB 1447 (chapter 418, Laws of 2023). If needed, planned amendments will also make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: 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 Patrick Budde, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-764-0068, email patrick.buddejr@dshs.wa.gov.

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