

WSR 24-01-034
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Passage of 2023 legislation (2SHB 1390, chapter 291, Laws of 2023) codified new requirements for the decarbonization of campus district energy systems. To maintain consistency between administrative rules and statute, commerce plans to update by updating chapter 194-50 WAC to implement these new statutory requirements.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 19.27A.210.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Commerce is proposing to maintain consistency between administrative rules and statute by updating the existing chapter 194-50 WAC to include the new requirements that were added to RCW 19.27A.210 upon passage of SSHB [2SHB] 1390. Requirements will relate to alternate compliance pathways, management plan implementation, and compliance with state energy efficiency requirements for state campus district energy systems and owners.

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 Nick Manning, 1011 Plum Street S.E., [Olympia, WA 98501,] phone 564-200-4324, email nick.manning@commerce.wa.gov, website commerce.wa.gov/buildings.

Additional comments: Commerce maintains an email distribution list for communication with stakeholders. Interested parties may add their names to the distribution list by visiting the web page listed above.

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