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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF
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WAC Citations	Subject Matter/Rule Purpose	Current Activity and Anticipated Activity Dates		
		Preproposal (CR-101)	Proposed (CR-102)	Permanent (CR-103)
415-02-300 415-02-030 DRS will also create a new WAC section	Providing additional clarity regarding DRS's use of administrative factors	WSR 25-15-164	Anticipated filing date: March 2026	Anticipated filing date: May 2026
415-02-175	Rule making to implement SB 5306 regarding purchasing service credit for authorized leaves of absence	WSR 25-19-088	Anticipated filing date: March 2026	Anticipated filing date: June 2026
415-501-315 415-501-430	SECURE Act 2.0; starting in 2026, catch-up contributions from qualifying highly compensated participants age 50 and over must be designated as Roth	WSR 25-11-036	WSR 25-24-093	Anticipated filing date: January 2026
415-02-380	Nonspousal survivor benefit option: To comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations governing nonspousal survivor benefits from a retirement plan. DRS began this rule making in 2021, paused it, and resumed the work in December 2025	WSR 21-04-142	By the end of April 2026	By the end of July 2026
415-104-111 415-108-830 415-110-830 415-112-544	Reretirement calculations: Clarifying how DRS calculates retirement benefits for members who retire, go back to work for a DRS-covered employer, and then retire again later	WSR 25-23-060	February 2026	By the end of June 2026
New WAC 415-117-060	Requests for information: Creating a streamlined process to manage requests for information that DRS sends to employers	WSR 25-23-102	January 2026	March 2026
415-113-059	The CR-101 for the rule on calculating dual member benefits	WSR 26-01-090	March 2026	May 2026

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