

WSR 26-03-064

PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-17-026.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 468-06-140 Department index.

Hearing Location(s): On February 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., virtual hearing in Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/WAC-468-06-140-Feb-24-2026>. To join the virtual hearing, please use the web address shown for the hearing location or dial in by phone at +1 206-531-0324,,760746407# for United States, Seattle. Find a local number at <https://dialin.teams.microsoft.com/039e7852-bef4-4986-949b-6b82f4e2095f?id=760746407>, Conference ID 760 746 407#.

For further details about joining a Microsoft Teams meeting, visit this web page at <https://aka.ms/JoinTeamsMeeting?omkt=en-US>.

Date of Intended Adoption: February 24, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Ashley Holmberg, P.O. Box 47410, 310 Maple Park Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-7410, email ashley.holmberg@wsdot.wa.gov, fax 360-705-6805, beginning the date and time of this filing, by February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT), Americans with Disabilities Act office, phone toll-free 855-362-4ADA(4232), TTY 711, email wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov, by February 17, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This proposal rewrites WAC 468-06-140 to reflect the requirements in RCW 42.56.070(5) for state agencies to establish a system of indexing for certain records. WSDOT anticipates that it will help to keep members of the public informed. The proposal establishes rules for the index. It provides a web address for the index, describes the index's content and form, and establishes a schedule for updating the index.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: This proposal will fulfill the requirements of RCW 42.56.070(5).

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 42.56.070(5).

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 42.56.070(5).

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: WSDOT, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Ashley Holmberg, Olympia, Washington, 360-870-2869.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. This is not required because WSDOT is not subject to RCW 34.05.328 (5)(a)(i) and has not made RCW 34.05.328 applicable to this rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules relate only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

Explanation of exemptions: This rule relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party. The content is dictated by statute.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

January 16, 2026
Sam Wilson, Director
Business Support Services

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-24-130, filed 12/2/15, effective 1/2/16)

WAC 468-06-140 Department index. (~~The department finds that it would be unduly burdensome and would interfere with department operations to maintain an index of records as specified in RCW 42.56.070 because of the complexity and diversity of its operations and the resulting volume of correspondence, reports, studies, and other materials.~~) The index of records specified in RCW 42.56.070(5) is publicly available through the department's website at <https://wsdot.wa.gov/about/contacts/public-disclosure/records-index>. The index lists or links to the relevant types of records listed in RCW 42.56.070(5). The department updates the index at least annually.