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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Self-insurance; chapter 296-15 WAC, Workers' compensation self-insurance rules and regulations; and WAC 296-15-223 Self-insurance administrative assessment.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.44.145 and 51.44.150.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to create additional means of calculating administrative assessments for active self-insured employers, and in doing so, facilitate fair and equitable funding for current and future self-insurance projects.

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: Parties interested in these rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process. Public hearings will be held after the proposed language is filed.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Starla Treznoski, Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), Insurance Services, Self-Insurance, P.O. Box 44890, Olympia, WA 98504-4890, phone 360-902-5668, fax 360-902-6977, email Starla.Treznoski@Lni.wa.gov; or Brad Gunderson, L&I, Insurance Services, Self-Insurance, P.O. Box 44890, Olympia, WA 98504-4890, phone 360-902-6904, fax 360-902-6977, email Bradley.Gunderson@Lni.wa.gov.

Additional comments: For more information on L&I rule making, visit the rule-making activity web page at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>.

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