# WSR 26-16-037
## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
## WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amendments to chapters 446-16 and 446-20 WAC to update organization references within the Washington state patrol (WSP).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapters 10.97 and 43.43 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: WSP is considering amendments to chapters 446-16 and 446-20 WAC to update references to the criminal records division to reflect WSP's current organizational structure. The proposed amendments would update organizational references throughout the affected rules while maintaining existing processes, responsibilities, and requirements. The rule making is intended to improve clarity, accuracy, and consistency within WAC and align the rules with WSP's organizational structure.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None. The proposed amendments are administrative in nature and pertain only to WSP's organizational references within agency rules. Coordination with other agencies is not anticipated.

Process for Developing New Rule: Technical amendments to update organizational references.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kimberly Mathis, Rules Coordinator, 106 11th Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA, phone 360-596-4017, email wsprules@wsp.wa.gov, website wsp.wa.gov/rules-development/.

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