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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 196-26A WAC, Fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.43.035 and 18.43.150.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Creating uniform fees for the professional engineering (PE) and structural engineering (SE) application will streamline the application process to improve efficiency. The resource costs of processing PE and SE applications are essentially the same; therefore, fees for those services should reflect those costs consistently. Also, amendments throughout chapter 196-26A WAC are being proposed to reflect new processes and facilitate the new licensing database.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Notice will be made to stakeholders and active licensees via the board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors' (board) contact lists; and will be posted on the board website and distributed through the board and board staff. Interested parties may contact the individual listed below and the public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Shanan Gillespie, P.O. Box 9025, Olympia, WA 98507-9025, phone 360-664-1570, TTY 711, email shanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov, website https://brpels.wa.gov/current-laws-and-rules/rulemaking-activity.

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