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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Implementation of SSB 6248, implementing travel insurance regulation.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060; and chapter 165, Laws of 2026.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of the insurance commissioner (commissioner) is considering rule making to implement SSB 6248, which passed during the 2026 legislative session and was largely modeled after the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Travel Insurance Model Act. This rule making will facilitate implementation of the new law, which creates a new travel insurance chapter in the insurance code and would outline a framework within which travel insurance may be sold in Washington state.

Rule making may be necessary to address certain changes in law including, but not limited to, new definitions, producer licensing requirements, rate and form filing requirements, and marketing and advertising requirements. In addition to other provisions, the new law also broadens who can sell travel insurance by establishing a "travel administrator," requires them to be licensed as a limited line travel insurance producer, and exempts them from adjuster licensing requirements. The commissioner is considering amending the following WAC, which may include, but not be limited to: WAC 284-17-001, 284-17-011, and 284-24-065.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit written comments by September 9, 2026.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Rules Coordinator, 302 Sid Snyder Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-7171, fax 360-586-3109, TTY 360-586-0241, email rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, website www.insurance.wa.gov.

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