WSR 26-17-070
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

[Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2026-06—Filed August 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Modernizing producer licensing and reporting requirements.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of the insurance commissioner (OIC) is considering rule making to clean up and modernize outdated rule language to better reflect OIC's current electronic licensing and verification processes, such as removing outdated requirements to submit a paper score report, eliminating references to fingerprint cards that are seldom used due to electronic fingerprinting, removing an obsolete five dollar filing fee reference, and codifying the 180-day examination validity period to clarify existing practice. In addition, rule making may be considered to provide guidance for an insurer who is terminating a producer's appointment for cause.

OIC is considering amending the following WAC, which may include, but not be limited to: WAC 284-17-046, 284-17-055, 284-17-120, 284-17-449, and 284-17-490.

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 2, 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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