# WSR 26-17-095
# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
# BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Settlement conference requirements and procedures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 82.03.170.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To create procedures and add clarity to how and when settlement conferences are conducted, pursuant to WAC 456-09-530, and explore creating a process for settlement conferences in informal appeals.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The board of tax appeals will seek input from the county assessors and the department of revenue, as well as tax practitioners and other interested parties.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Keri Lamb, 1110 Capital Way, Suite 300, P.O. Box 40915, Olympia, WA, phone 360-753-5446, fax 360-586-9020, email bta@bta.wa.gov.

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