

Attachment A

- (a) Purpose, summary, reasons supporting proposal, short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effect, and changes the proposal makes to existing rules.

The department is proposing a 3.29% (rounded down to the nearest tenth of a dollar) general increase in fees for the Factory Assembled Structures (excluding manufactured/mobile home and factory-built housing fees) and Plumber Certification programs. The 3.29% rate is the Office of Financial Management's maximum allowable fiscal growth rate factor for fiscal year 2003. The general fee increases are necessary to help offset inflation and maintain the financial health and operational effectiveness of the programs.

In addition, a few changes have been made to the elevator inspection fees. The department has the authority to set these fees in excess of the fiscal growth factor in response to the passage of the 2001 Operating Budget (Chapter 7, Laws of 2001 - Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6153) to ensure the fees fully fund the cost of the Elevator program. Section 217 (3) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6153 authorized these fee changes:

“It is the intent of the legislature that elevator inspection fees shall fully cover the cost of the elevator inspection program. Pursuant to RCW 43.135.055, during the 2001-03 fiscal biennium the department may increase fees in excess of the fiscal growth factor, if the increases are necessary to fully fund the cost of the elevator inspection program.”

Lastly, the plumber certification fee schedule was restructured to combine all the fees into one location for purposes of clarity.

Attachment H

(h) **Hearing Location:**

Yakima Hearing:

Date: May 27, 2003 Time: 1:00 PM

104 N. 4th Avenue
Yakima School District (Administration Offices)
Yakima, Washington

Tumwater Hearing:

Date: May 27, 2003 Time: 1:00 PM

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