



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-17A WAC Classifications for Workers Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCW 51.06.035 and RCW 51.06.100

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Labor and Industries is required by law to establish and maintain a workers compensation classification plan that classifies all occupations or industries within the state and sets basic rates of premium for the classifications that are distributed fairly (RCW 51.16.035). The department has conducted a review of various classification and reporting rules and determined that certain rules are in need of revision, such as the ones that apply to community action councils, consolidation of some reforestation classes, amending some temporary help classifications, tree trimming, debris cleanup, and in-store demonstrator classifications. Minor housekeeping changes will be made to several classifications.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state, local or federal agency regulates this subject

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

Labor and industries will solicit input from the business community by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal public meetings. Labor and Industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule-making by direct mailing and/or the internet.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Labor and Industries will mail letters with ideas on possible rule changes to affected employers. Employers will be encouraged to participate in the process to share ideas and/or attend meetings. Employers can obtain information on our process at the Employer Services website (www.lni.wa.gov/insuranceservices/employerservices) and can submit comments electronically to moom235@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4774 or by fax at (360) 902-4729

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