



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 General Reporting Classifications for Workers Compensation Insurance and chapter 296-17 WAC, General Reporting Rules, audits, recordkeeping, rates and rating system for WA Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCW 51.16.035 and RCW 51.16.100

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 classifications and determined that certain classifications are in need of revision for purposes of clarification. Revisions are being considered for the following industries: community action councils; logging machine operators; ecological surveyors; printing and copying; sign painting; safety inspectors; shop classifications; state government classifications; construction superintendent; vinyl windows; automobile and boat sales; craft stores; motorcycle dealers; horseracing; bus companies; farms NOC; and wording or small housekeeping changes to other 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 classifications 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 (902) 902-4774 or by fax at (360) 902-4729

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