



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 296-17 WAC General Reporting Rules, Audit and Recordkeeping, Rates and Rating System for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance
Drywall Rule

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.16.035, RCW 51.04.020(1), and RCW 51.18.010

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The drywall industry suffers from substantial under-reporting of premiums due to the active underground economy. This rulemaking proposes to encourage compliance by modifying drywall reporting rules.

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

Labor and Industries will solicit input from the business community by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal public meetings and consultation with the Drywall Advisory Committee. 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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