



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 296-19A WAC Vocational Rehabilitation, Chapter 296-14 WAC Industrial Insurance, and Chapter 296-15 WAC Workers' compensation self-insurance rules and regulations - Option 2 vocational rehabilitation costs

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, and Chapter 72, Laws of 2007 (ESSB 5920).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The proposed rules will assist in the implementation of Chapter 72, Laws of 2007 (ESSB 5920). This proposed rulemaking will include new rules to clarify the process and requirements for making application for option 2 vocational costs, and define which vocational costs require department or self-insurer oversight and the vocational costs that can be paid.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
No other federal or state agencies regulate 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 begin the rule development process and will share the draft proposal with stakeholders and other interested parties, including the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee. Public hearings will be held throughout the state after the proposal is filed.

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

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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