



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 and Chapter 296-17A WAC Classifications for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.16.035 and RCW 51.16.100, and Chapter 88, Laws of 2008

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

The Department of Labor and Industries is initiating rulemaking as a result of Chapter 88, Laws of 2008 (Senate Bill 6839) to clarify premium liability and information needed when Washington employers work out of state.

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

We will work with other states with which we currently have reciprocal agreements relating to possible changes that may be required as a result of the legislation and this rulemaking.

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 and labor communities by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal meetings. Labor and Industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rulemaking 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:

The Department of Labor and Industries will communicate possible rule changes to affected employers, employer associations and trade associations. Employers and associations will be encouraged to participate in the process to share ideas and/or attend meetings. Interested parties can obtain information on our process at the Employer Services website: www.lni.wa.gov/Insuranceservices/Employerservices and can submit comments or questions electronically to Moom235@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4774 or by fax (360) 902-4729.

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