



# 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 296-46B WAC, Electrical Safety Standards, Administration, and Installation

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and Electrical Installations

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1244, which passed the 2009 Legislature, gave the department the authority to raise fees for the electrical program in order to cover the program's operating expenses. The purpose of this rulemaking is to increase the electrical fees in order to cover the costs for ongoing services for the Electrical Program.

The rulemaking will increase the electrical fees by 4.17 percent, the fiscal growth factor for fiscal year 2011.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
None.

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

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

Parties interested in these rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process. Public hearings will be held 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:**

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