



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor & 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.
Revisions to Retrospective Rating rules. Changes contemplated include changes to retrospective rating plans and tables, including the addition of hazard groups.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
These rules are being considered as part of the work done under the Retrospective Rating Proviso Study which directed the department to contract with outside experts to evaluate and recommend improvements to the Retrospective Rating program.

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 & Industries will be working with Retrospective Rating association and group sponsors to explain and model the changes to be made. Labor and Industries will also work with the Retrospective Rating Advisory Committee and Retrospective Rating Proviso Study Group as changes are developed. The public can participate in these discussions by attending meetings of any of these groups. Meeting schedules are found at www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Insurance/Reduce/Qualify/AdvComm/default.asp or the Retrospective Rating Advisory Committee. Information will also be shared through the Retrospective Rating program list serve. Interested parties may register at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/Main/Listservs/ClaimsIns/Retro.asp>.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
The department will be holding public hearing(s) on this rulemaking and inquiries can be directed to:
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