



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 296-17A Classifications for Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 51.16.035 and RCW 51.16.100

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

Labor and Industries is required by law to establish and maintain a workers' compensation classification plan that classifies all occupations or industries within the state and sets basic rates of premium for these classifications that are distributed fairly (RCW 51.16.035). The department determined that certain rules are in need of revision.

Minor housekeeping changes will be made to the following classifications: 296-17A WAC

- WAC 296-17A-0108
WAC 296-17A-0502
WAC 296-17A-1007
WAC 296-17A-3403
WAC 296-17A-5003
WAC 296-17A-5005
WAC 296-17A-6303
WAC 296-17A-7205

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):

- Other (describe) checked

Labor and Industries will solicit input from the business community by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal public meetings. Labor and Industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules 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:

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

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 web site (www.lni.wa.gov/insuranceservices/employerservices) and can submit comments electronically to smij235@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4777 or by fax at (360) 902-4729.

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