



# 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 296-17 WAC General Reporting Rules, Audit, and Recordkeeping, Rates and Rating System, and Chapter 296-17A WAC Classifications for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance.

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

**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 in accordance with their degree of hazard (RCW 51.16.035) and adopt rules governing the administration of this rule (RCW 51.04.020). The department has been asked to review the appropriateness of our current practices for reporting sport team coaches.

**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 issue.

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

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

Premium rates for each classification are developed in part from the past loss experience of employers subject to the classification, changes in benefit levels mandated by law or court decisions, medical inflation, economic and business trends and financial markets. Interested parties 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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