



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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This rulemaking coordinates rules pertaining to workers' compensation rates with the Washington Horse Racing Commission's (WHRC) emergency rule adoption that creates a mechanism by which they may allow licenses on a temporary basis and collect industrial insurance premiums for those temporary licenses. This rulemaking begins the permanent rule-making process to establish classifications and fees for horseracing temporary licenses.

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) Labor and Industries will solicit input from the affected 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:

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 rule-making process at http://www.lni.wa.gov/LawRule/ruleProcess.asp and can submit comments electronically to moom235@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4774 or by fax at (360) 902-4988.

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