



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 and Chapter 50, Laws of 2011 (Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1087)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Electrical Program's budget and projected revenue indicate a fee increase is necessary to ensure the program has a six month fund balance. The program needs to maintain a fund balance equal to six months of expenditures in order to meet its commitment to ensure the quality and safety of electrical work performed by contractors. The Electrical Program was given the authority by Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1087, which passed the 2011 Legislature, to increase fees.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to increase the fees for the Electrical Program.

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.

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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