



# 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

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department will review the electrical rules for additions and revisions. The electrical rules will be reviewed to ensure the rules are consistent with the national consensus standards and industry practice. It is critical the program conducts rulemaking to adopt the 2014 national electrical consensus standards, such as the National Electrical Code and current versions of the National Electrical Safety Code, national telecommunications standards, railroad standards, emergency power standards, and fire pump standards, so that Washington is current with other states.

**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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