



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 296-14 WAC (Industrial insurance), and chapter 296-20 WAC (Medical aid rules).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.04.020, RCW 51.04.030, and RCW 51.32.090(11).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Department of Labor and Industries adopts rules governing the administration and implementation of the industrial insurance laws. This rulemaking is necessary to:

- Amend the definition of “temporary partial disability,” also known as “loss of earning power” (LEP), in WAC 296-20-01002 (definitions for medical aid rules), and add a corresponding definition in chapter 296-14 WAC (industrial insurance rules).
- Amend or repeal existing WAC sections, or adopt new WAC sections, as may be necessary to clarify LEP.

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

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