



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:

WAC 296-19A - Option 2 Benefits

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Rulemaking is needed to implement Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496). The proposed rulemaking increases the vocational award ("option 2") to an amount equal to nine months of temporary total disability benefits, allows up to 10 percent of training funds to be used for vocational assistance, and provides a longer period of time for workers to make their option 2 selection.

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)

Labor and Industries will begin the rule amendment process and will share the draft proposal with stakeholders and other interested parties. A public hearing 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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