



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Labor and Industries

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 15-16-097 _____ ; or | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Notice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____ ; or | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Notice to WSR _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1). | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR _____ |

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) WAC 296-16 - Employer - Worker Reemployment Incentives

Hearing location(s): Labor & Industries
Room(s) S117, S118
7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Date: May 24, 2016 Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date of intended adoption: June 21, 2016
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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L&I's Return to Work Partnerships Program by May 10, 2016

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The proposed rules, if adopted, will describe the new preferred worker eligibility requirements and explain the expanded incentives available to eligible employers. The proposed rules will enable eligible employers participating in the Preferred Worker Program to receive financial incentives similar to the existing Stay at Work Program, plus a new continuous employment bonus. The proposed rules also extend the incentives to include the employer of injury.

Reasons supporting proposal: Rulemaking is needed to implement Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496).

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030,
Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496)

Statute being implemented: Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496)

Is rule necessary because of a:

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| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
- If yes, CITATION:

DATE
April 19, 2016

NAME (type or print)
Joel Sacks

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Director

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

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Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

A small business economic impact statement is not required because the rule is interpretative and adopts and incorporates without material change Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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e-mail _____

No: Please explain: A cost benefit analysis is not required because the rule is interpretative and adopts and incorporates without material change Chapter 137, Laws of 2015 (SHB 1496).