



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: WAC Chapter 296-17, General Reporting Rules, Audit and Recordkeeping, Rates and Rating System for Workers' Compensation Insurance and WAC Chapter 296-17A, Classifications for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.04.020 and RCW 51.16.035

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: WAC Chapters 296-17 and 296-17A establish how employers are required to report and pay industrial insurance premiums.

The Department intends to review rules to:

- Clarify the rules to make them easier to understand and apply;
- Incorporate existing agency practices into rule;
- Consolidate subclassifications to remove unnecessary administrative burden from employers; and
- Define terms used within the rules to make the rules easier to understand and apply.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state, local or federal agency regulates workers' compensation rates.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study

Other (describe) Labor & Industries will solicit input from the business community by way of e-mail, direct mailing, and from public meetings. Interested parties may participate by commenting before proposals are made, by testifying at the public hearings, or by providing comment after the proposal is made.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Employers can get information on our rulemaking process at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/LawRule/ruleProcess.asp> and can submit comments electronically to Annie.Peebles@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4723.

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