



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 296-155 WAC, Safety Standards for Construction Work, Part C-1, Fall Protection Requirements for Construction and Part O, Concrete, Concrete Forms, Shoring, and Masonry Construction.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In June of 2013 and October of 2015 the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) received notification from the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) relating to DOSH's fall protection standards. The latest notification advised the department that DOSH needed to amend our fall protection rules in Chapter 296-155 WAC in order for them to be at least as effective as those administered by OSHA. Consequently, DOSH will be amending our rules to make them at least as effective as OSHA, as required by the Washington State Plan. Other housekeeping amendments may also be proposed in this chapter.

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 the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing 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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