



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

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

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** This rulemaking is to implement requirements of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6293 which allows public and private colleges to create unpaid student volunteer programs for-profit or non-profit businesses, and for those businesses to elect medical aid coverage for those students. Providing employers the opportunity to elect medical aid coverage for students in unpaid experience-based activities will encourage more employers to participate in these school-sponsored programs.

Also, private colleges will now be able to elect medical aid coverage for students volunteering for the college itself. (Current law requires state colleges to cover volunteers serving the college, but allows only charitable private organizations to elect coverage for volunteers.)

This legislation also creates a means for all entities with coverage for volunteers, student volunteers, or unpaid students to cap reporting at 100 hours per volunteer per year. This type of reporting is not currently an option for employers and L&I must design rules to implement such a reporting and premium change.

**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 this subject.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Labor and Industries will solicit input from the business community by way of the Internet. Labor and Industries will use input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by the Internet.

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

Employers can obtain information on our rulemaking process at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/LawRule/ruleProcess.asp> and can submit comments electronically to [JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov](mailto:JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov) or by calling (360) 902-4777, or by fax at (360) 902-5830.

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