

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

### Electrical Fee Increase (FY 25)

**WAC 296-46B-906, Inspection Fees.**

**WAC 296-46B-909, Electrical/telecommunications contractor's license, administrator certificate and examination, master electrician certificate and examination, electrician certificate and examination, copy, and miscellaneous fees.**

**WAC 296-46B-911, Electrical testing laboratory and engineer accreditation fees.**

The date of adoption for this rule: March 19, 2024

The effective date for this rule: July 1, 2024

#### **I. Purpose of rulemaking:**

This rulemaking increases the electrical fees by 6.40% to support operating expenses for the Electrical Program (Program). The increase is the Office of Financial Management's adopted [fiscal growth factor rate](#) for fiscal year 2025.

The current fee levels are not adequate to cover current Program expenses. A fee increase is necessary to ensure the Programs' revenues match expenditures.

This rulemaking also removes the fee for printed copies of the electrical laws and rules. Labor & Industries (L&I) is no longer providing printed copies, as electronic versions are available online. Removing the fee will ensure the rule is up-to-date and aligns with requirements.

#### **2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:**

There are no differences between the rules as adopted and proposed.

#### **3. Comments on proposed rule:**

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on December 19, 2023, and ended on January 26, 2024. L&I did not receive any written comments.

A hybrid public hearing was held on January 26 at 9:00 a.m. at L&I headquarters and via Zoom meeting. Seven (7) L&I staff and one (1) other person attended the public hearing. No persons provided testimony on the proposed rules.

L&I did not receive any oral or written comments on the proposed rules; therefore, the rules have been adopted as proposed.