

## **CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)**

### **Electrical Fee Increases (Fiscal Year 2026)**

**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: May 6, 2025

The effective date for this rule: July 1, 2025

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

This rulemaking increases the electrical fees by 6.41% 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 2026](#).

The fee increases are necessary to support operating expenses for inspections and other Program services. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current Program expenses. Fee increases will ensure the Programs' revenues match expenditures.

#### **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 February 19, 2025, and ended on March 25, 2025.

A hybrid public hearing was held on March 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) headquarters and via Zoom meeting. Five (5) L&I staff and one (1) other person attended the public hearing.

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