



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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WSR 23-22-104

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries (L&I)

Subject of possible rule making: Electrical rules: 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; and WAC 296-46B-911, Electrical testing laboratory and engineer accreditation fees.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and RCW 19.28.251

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: L&I is considering a fee increase by the fiscal growth factor for the Electrical Program (Program) to support increased operating expenses for inspections and other Program services. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current Program expenses. The fee increase is necessary to ensure that revenues match expenditures.

This rulemaking also considers removing the fee for printed copies of the electrical laws and rules. The Program will no longer be providing printed copies as electronic versions are available online for customers for printing.

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) Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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