

WAC RCW Policy Subcommittee Report

January 21, 2021

The subcommittee held virtual meetings on November 5, 2020 and January 6, 2021.

At the November 5 meeting, the subcommittee reviewed public comments on the draft youth apprenticeship standards. The subcommittee made agreed upon changes and voted to move the draft standards to the WSATC for a vote on January 21, 2021 pending a review of Section VIII language with Employment Standards concerning prohibited work for minors (which happened at the Jan 6 meeting). The subcommittee was also made aware of a pending emergency rule on special meetings and asked for feedback.

At the January 6 meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the draft language from the department for incorporating the Oregon rule concerning group-only programs in the building and construction trades. After reviewing feedback from the individual committee programs in the building and construction trades and discussion on the feedback, the subcommittee decided to invite stakeholders to the next meeting and have an informal discussion on the proposal.

The subcommittee also discussed the current objection process. The conversation focused on the definition of 'competitor,' what constitutes a specific objection, and what could be considered an objection with merit. There was only discussion and no changes were proposed. The subcommittee requested data on objections going back ten years and subsequent outcomes to be review at the next meeting.

The department informed the subcommittee the apprenticeship emergency rule regarding special meetings should be in effect on January 19, 2021. The process to make the emergency rule permanent has started. There were no objections.

The next meeting was set for March 17.

This concludes my report unless there are questions.

Respectfully submitted, April Sims, Chair WAC-RCW Subcommittee