

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Elevator Fee Increase (FY 22)

Chapter 296-96 WAC, Safety Regulations and Fees for all Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and other Conveyances

The date of adoption for this rule: February 15, 2022

The effective date for this rule: March 18, 2022

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt a 5.79% fee increase for inspections of conveyances and other Elevator Program public safety activities. This is the Office of Financial Management's maximum allowable fiscal growth factor rate for fiscal year 2022.

The current fee levels are not enough to cover current program expenses. A fee increase is needed to ensure the program's revenues match expenditures; otherwise, service levels may need to be reduced.

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

There is no difference between the rules as adopted and proposed.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on December 21, 2021, and ended on January 5, 2022. There were no written comments received for this rulemaking.

A public hearing was held on January 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. virtually and telephonically. One person attended the public hearing and gave testimony.

Below is a summary of the comment received and L&I's response.

General Comments	L&I Responses
Comment #1:	Response #1:
I support the fee increase for the new rule.	Thank you for your comment.