

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Boiler Fee Increase (FY 23)

WAC 296-104-700, What are the inspection fees—Examination fees—Certificate fees—Expenses?

The date of adoption for this rule: April 19, 2022

The effective date for this rule: July 1, 2022

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The Board of Boiler Rules and Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) has adopted changes that increase the boiler fees by 5.58% to support the operating expenses of the Boiler Program. This is the Office of Financial Management's maximum allowable fiscal growth factor rate for fiscal year 2023.

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

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

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

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on December 21, 2021, and ended on February 16, 2022.

The Board accepted written comments through February 11, 2022. L&I did not receive any written comments on the proposed rules.

A public hearing was held on February 16, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., virtually and telephonically. Four (4) board members, six (6) L&I staff, and one (1) other person attended the public hearing. No persons elected to provide testimony on the proposed rules.

The Board authorized the filing of the CR-103 to adopt the proposed rules.