



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

**CR-102 (July 2022)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.320)**  
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WSR 24-01-113

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

**Original Notice**  
 **Supplemental Notice to WSR** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Continuance of WSR** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 23-22-104 ; or**  
 **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or**  
 **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**  
 **Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) Electrical rule: 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.

**Hearing location(s):**

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
January 26, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Department of Labor & Industries 7273 Linderson Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501  OR  <b>Join electronically:</b> <a href="https://lni-wa.gov/zoom.us/j/82299815281?pwd=WG53aytrUmF0bjB5Tjh4MUhUTVBvZz09">https://lni-wa.gov/zoom.us/j/82299815281?pwd=WG53aytrUmF0bjB5Tjh4MUhUTVBvZz09</a> Passcode: ktYtE+#9  OR  <b>Join by phone (audio only):</b> 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 822 9981 5281 Passcode: 42501319	The in-person and virtual/telephonic hearing starts at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until all oral comments are received.

**Date of intended adoption:** March 19, 2024 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

<p><b>Submit written comments to:</b>            Name: Meagan Edwards            Address: Department of Labor &amp; Industries            Field Services &amp; Public Safety Division            PO Box 44400            Olympia, WA 98504-4400            Email: Meagan.Edwards@Lni.wa.gov            Fax: 360-902-6134            Other:            By (date) <u>5 p.m. on January 26, 2024</u></p>	<p><b>Assistance for persons with disabilities:</b>            Contact <u>Meagan Edwards</u>            Phone: 360-522-0125             Fax: 360-902-6134            TTY:            Email: Meagan.Edwards@Lni.wa.gov            Other:            By (date) <u>January 5, 2024</u></p>
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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this rulemaking is to propose an increase to the electrical fees by the fiscal growth factor of 6.40 percent. The fee increase is the maximum allowed by the state Office of Financial Management for fiscal year 2025.

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

**Reasons supporting proposal:** A fee increase is needed to support increased operating expenses for inspections and other Electrical Program services. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current Electrical Program expenses. The fee increase is necessary to ensure that revenues match expenditures. Removing the fee for printed copies of the electrical laws and rules will ensure the rule is up-to-date and aligns with requirements.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
- Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
- State Court Decision?  Yes  No

If yes, CITATION:

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** None.

**Type of proponent:**  Private  Public  Governmental

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Labor & Industries

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

	Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting:	Wayne Molesworth, Prog. Mgr	Tumwater, WA	360-480-5673
Implementation:	Steve Reinmuth, Asst. Dir.	Tumwater, WA	360-902-6348
Enforcement:	Steve Reinmuth, Asst. Dir.	Tumwater, WA	360-902-6348

**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?**  Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

- Name:
- Address:
- Phone:
- Fax:
- TTY:
- Email:
- Other:

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?**

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

- Name:
- Address:
- Phone:
- Fax:
- TTY:
- Email:
- Other:

No: Please explain: This rule proposal is exempt from the cost benefit analysis requirement under the Administrative Procedure Act. RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vi) exempts rules that set or adjust fees under the authority of RCW 19.02.075 or that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, including fees set or adjusted under the authority of RCW 19.80.045.

## Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

### (1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(b)<br>(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(e)<br>(Dictated by statute)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(c)<br>(Incorporation by reference)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(f)<br>(Set or adjust fees)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(d)<br>(Correct or clarify language)    | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(g)<br>((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#) (does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

### (2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

The rule proposal is fully exempt (*skip section 3*). Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

The rule proposal is partially exempt (*complete section 3*). The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

The rule proposal is not exempt (*complete section 3*). No exemptions were identified above.

### (3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

TTY:

Email:

Other:

**Date:** December 19, 2023

**Name:** Joel Sacks

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Sacks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'S'.