

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Factory Assembled Structures Rules Fee Increase (FY 25)

WAC 296-150C-3000 Commercial coach fees; WAC 296-150F-3000, Factory-built housing and commercial structure fees; WAC 296-150I-3000, Penalties, fees, and refunds; WAC 296-150M-3000, Manufactured/mobile home fees; WAC 296-150P-3000, Recreational park trailer fees; WAC 296-150R-3000, Recreational vehicle fees; WAC 296-150T-3000, Factory-built temporary worker housing fees; and WAC 296-150V-3000, Conversion vendor units and medical units – Fees

The date of adoption for this rule: October 22, 2024

The effective date for this rule: January 1, 2025

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt amendments to the Factory Assembled Structures (FAS) rules that increase fees by the fiscal growth factor rate of 6.40%. The fee increase is the maximum allowed by the state Office of Financial Management for fiscal year 2025.

A fee increase is needed to cover the operating expenses of the FAS Program (Program). The Programs' current fee levels are insufficient to cover current expenses. The increase will ensure that revenues match expenditures.

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

There are no differences between the proposed and adopted rules.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on August 7, 2024, and ended on September 18, 2024. L&I received one written comment on the proposed rules.

A public hearing was held on September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in-person at the L&I Tumwater Office and virtually via Zoom meeting. Five (5) L&I staff and one (1) other person attended the public hearing. No persons provided testimony on the proposed rules.

Below is a summary of the comments that L&I received and L&I's responses.

| General Comments | L&I Responses |
|--|---|
| Comment #1: | Response #1: |
| Sorry I will have to use a different inspecting agency my customers will not | Thank you for your comment. L&I is directed by the Washington State |

be able to afford this increase. Thanks for your business in the past.

Legislature to set fees to cover the cost of the administration of the work performed by the FAS Program according to RCW 43.22.424(4), 43.22.480(2), and 43.22A.090(1). The fees collected by L&I support the FAS Program. The existing fee levels are not adequate to cover the Program's budget. The fee increase is necessary to cover the cost of doing business.

You may use a licensed professional architect or engineer to review your plans rather than using the FAS Program. To learn what plans may be submitted by a licensed professionals or to review the list of approved licensed professionals please visit our website at <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/manufactured-modular-mobile-structures/modular-other-mobile-structures/>