

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Elevator Fee Increases (FY 26)

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

The date of adoption for this rule: September 30, 2025

The effective date for this rule: November 1, 2025

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt fee increases by 6.41% for conveyances. This is the Office of Financial Management's [adopted fiscal growth factor](#) for fiscal year 2026.

The fee increases are needed to support operating expenses for inspections of conveyances and other Elevator Program services, as current fee levels are not adequate to cover current Program expenses. Additional amendments are also being proposed to reorganize the existing fees for permits and inspections into a combined fee schedule to simplify the rules and make the fees easier to locate.

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 June 4, 2025, and ended on September 11, 2025.

A hybrid public hearing was held on July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) headquarters and via Zoom meeting. Three (3) L&I staff and two (2) members of the public attended the public hearing. No testimony on the proposed rules was provided.

A second hybrid public hearing was held on September 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at L&I headquarters and via Zoom meeting. Three (3) L&I staff and five (5) other members of the public attended the public hearing. One (1) person provided testimony in support of the proposed rules.

L&I received one (1) written comment in support of the proposed rules; therefore, the rules have been adopted as proposed.

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:

<p>Written Comment: I go on record as supporting the fee increase for the elevator program.</p> <p>Testimony: I'm here representing as a member of ESAC, the Elevator Safety Advisory Committee as an AHJ position, Authority Having Jurisdiction, and I'm here in support of the fee increase for the Labor and Industries Elevator Program.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment in support of the proposed fee increase. Based on the oral and written comments received, L&I has adopted the rule as proposed.</p>
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