



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: Electrical Rules: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment and Competency Examinations. Chapter 296-46B WAC, Electrical Safety Standards, Administration, and Installation.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Substitute Senate Bill 5528 (SSB 5528), Chapter 233, Laws of 2025; and chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The purpose of this rulemaking is to consider amendments to the electrical rules under chapter 296-46B WAC. The changes under consideration would affect requirements for installing electric vehicle supply equipment and electrician and administrator competency examinations.

The amendments are needed to implement Substitute Senate Bill 5528 (SSB 5528) (Chapter 233, Laws of 2025), concerning the installation of transportation electrification infrastructure.

The legislation enacted additional certification requirements for electricians installing electric vehicle supply equipment on public works projects that take effect January 1, 2026. Provisions of the bill include:

- Persons installing electric vehicle supply equipment on all public works as defined in RCW 39.4.010, must be certified by the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) or a similar nationally recognized training program;
- The EVITP or similar nationally recognized program must be open to all general journey level electricians; and
- Certification is required only for work on the electrical components during the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle supply equipment.

The requirements of the bill do not apply to certain apprentices when the supervising journey level electrician is certified by a training program and for installation projects under contract as of January 1, 2026.

The legislature provided L&I authority to adopt rules to implement the requirements.

The amendments are also needed to streamline requirements for electrician and administrator competency examinations. The changes under consideration include requiring individuals to use department issued unique candidate identification numbers when arranging for administrator competency examinations and increasing the amount of time allowed for testing without having to start a new examination period and retake all sections. The amendments also include updates, clarification, housekeeping, and other changes.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):☐ Negotiated rule making☐ Pilot rule making☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Interested parties can participate in the formulation of the rule amendments before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

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Additional comments: For more information about this rulemaking, visit <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies#rule-development>

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