



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-17 WAC, General Reporting Rules, Audit and Recordkeeping, Rates and Rating System for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance, and Chapter 296-17A WAC, Classifications for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.16.035

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Chapters 296-17 and 296-17A WAC are reporting and classification rules that establish and maintain how employers must report and pay for industrial insurance premiums.

The Department intends to review these chapters and make revisions to:

- Update and clarify information and references in multiple classifications in general, and in classifications impacted by the 2018 stores rulemaking;
- Correct errors in classification information that occurred in a past rulemaking;
- Correct typographical errors; and
- Implement changes required by Chapter 278, Laws of 2018 (SB 6199) passed by the legislature in 2018.

The purpose of this rulemaking is not to make substantive changes to how employers are classified, but review and revise the reporting and classification rules to ensure they are accurate, clear and understandable. These amendments will not impact employer reporting or rates.

As part of this rulemaking, the Department also intends to review these chapters as required by SSB 5679 (Chapter 30, 2013 Laws 2nd Special Session) to make changes where possible to reduce the regulatory burden on employers insured with the State Fund.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No other state, local or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Labor and Industries will solicit input from the business community by way of the Internet. Labor and Industries will use input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by the Internet.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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