



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: Changes under consideration to the Factory Assembled Structures (FAS) rules in Chapter 296-150I WAC, Manufactured Home Installer Training & Certification Program, and Chapter 296-150M WAC, Manufactured Homes.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 43.22 RCW Department of Labor and Industries and Chapter 43.22A RCW, Mobile and Manufactured Home Installation.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: L&I is considering changes to the Factory Assembled Structures (FAS) rules for manufactured homes and the manufactured home installer training and certification program.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to update existing rules to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. In 2017, HUD reviewed the FAS rules and standards for manufactured housing installations to ensure the program's compliance with HUD regulations. This rulemaking addresses HUD's findings that require revisions to rules for L&I to meet its contractual obligations and be fully compliant. The changes under consideration include:

- Certified installers must approve the installation of new manufactured homes installed by homeowners;
- Certified installers must verify and acknowledge site preparations for new manufactured homes;
- Replacing the ANSI A225.1 standard with the HUD Model Installation Standards; and
- Contractors and Certified Installers must obtain factory approval for alterations to new manufactured homes.

Additionally, the program is reviewing all rules in Chapter 296-150I WAC for updates, clarity, and housekeeping 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 decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate, after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

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