



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Early Learning

Subject of possible rule making: Chapters of Title 170 WAC, including but not limited to Chapter 170-03 WAC, the Department of Early Learning Hearing Rules chapter. More specifically, the department will makes changes related to the purpose and scope of the hearing rules chapter, clarify the definitions and authority of the administrative law judge, correct language to align with changes made to reflect and conform with current law and incorporate and ensure that the background check, the early childhood education and assistance program WAC chapters and other requirements mandated by the department or the 2015 legislative session align properly with the department's hearing rules chapter.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.215.060, RCW 43.215.070; chapter 43.215 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: To revise the department's rules to update, streamline, and improve efficiencies to ensure proper correlation and alignment of the department's hearing process and procedures.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Actions of DEL sometimes rely in part on actions taken by other agencies such as the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) or are taken in conjunction with the actions of other agencies such as the Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings or certain federal agencies. DEL plans to coordinate rule development with state and federal agencies.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) To the extent practicable, DEL intends to seek public input during the rule drafting and development process. At a later date, DEL will file proposed rules (more than one proposed rule-making notice may be filed), hold a public hearing or hearings, and accept written comments before adopting permanent rules.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Individuals and organizations wishing to receive draft and proposed materials may join a DEL rules mailing list by contacting the DEL rules coordinator at Rules@del.wa.gov, by fax (360) 725-4925, or by writing to the DEL Rules Coordinator, Department of Early Learning, P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504-0970.

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