



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-45 WAC, Safety Standards for Electrical Workers

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is responding to a Federal Register notice where the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published their final rule relating to Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment (29 CFR 1910 and 1926). This was published on April 11, 2014 and effective July 11, 2014. The department is required to update our rules to be at least as effective as OSHA. The department will have a number of provisions that may differ but will be at least as effective as the OSHA rule. These provisions may require economic analyses to determine the impact on the industry. In addition, references and minor housekeeping changes may be made throughout our chapters.

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)

Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

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

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