



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-05-077

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR _____

Continuance of WSR _____

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 25-02-119 ; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Electrical rule: WAC 296-46B-906, Inspection fees; WAC 296-46B-909, Electrical/telecommunications contractor's license, administrator certificate and examination, master electrician certificate and examination, electrician certificate and examination, copy, and miscellaneous fees; and WAC 296-46B-911, Electrical testing laboratory and engineer accreditation fees.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
March 25, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Department of Labor & Industries 7273 Linderson Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501 OR Join electronically: https://lni-wa.gov/zoom.us/j/85243532931?pwd=OEs1h736V0GiAnbexZsagTfmfjDdls.1 Passcode: Uiu7sE+? OR Join by phone (audio only): 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 852 4353 2931 Passcode: 11642264	The in-person and virtual/telephonic hearing starts at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until all oral comments are received.

Date of intended adoption: May 6, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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PO Box 44400
Olympia, WA 98504-4400
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Fax 360-704-1980
Other
Beginning (date and time) February 19, 2025, at 8 a.m.
By (date and time) March 25, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Meagan Edwards
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Other
By (date) March 11, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The purpose of this rulemaking is to propose amendments to the electrical rules that would increase fees by the fiscal growth factor of 6.41

percent for electrical inspections and other Electrical Program services. The fee increase is the maximum allowed by the state Office of Financial Management for fiscal year 2026.

Reasons supporting proposal: The fee increase is necessary to cover increased operating expenses for the Electrical Program. The current fee levels are insufficient to cover current Program expenses. The fee increase would ensure that revenues match expenditures.

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251

Statute being implemented: Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? Yes No
Federal Court Decision? Yes No
State Court Decision? Yes No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Department of Labor & Industries

Type of proponent: Private. Public. Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

	Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting	Wayne Molesworth, Prog. Mgr.	Tumwater, WA	360-480-5673
Implementation	Steve Reinmuth, Asst. Dir.	Tumwater, WA	360-902-6348
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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?

Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

Name
Address
Phone
Fax
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Other

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain: This rule proposal is exempt from the cost benefit analysis requirement under the Administrative Procedure Act. RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vi) exempts rules that set or adjust fees under the authority of RCW 19.02.075 or that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, including fees set or adjusted under the authority of RCW 19.80.045.

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(b)
(Internal government operations)

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute)

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference)

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees)

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language)

[RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(g)
(i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. _____

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name
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Other

Date: February 18, 2025

Name: Joel Sacks

Title: Director

Signature:

