



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: L&I is considering changes to the elevator rules under chapter 296-96 WAC Safety Regulations And Fees For All Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators And Other Conveyances, excluding the rules with fees due to a separate rulemaking in progress.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 70.87 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: L&I is considering changes to the elevator rules under chapter 296-96 WAC, excluding the rules with fees due to a separate rulemaking in-progress. The Elevator Program at L&I is reviewing the rules to consider adopting new safety codes from the 2019 edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1/CSA B44 - 2019, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, and other related codes. The 2019 edition of ASME A17.1 would replace the current 2016 code. The Elevator Program is also considering updates, clarification, housekeeping, and other changes to the rules.

The elevator rules are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the rules are consistent with national elevator safety standards and industry practice. The rule review process provides Washington's elevator stakeholders the opportunity to review the new code requirements, submit proposals for changes to the rules, and provide recommendations to L&I regarding adoption of the rules.

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/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Elevator Safety Advisory Committee (ESAC) will review all rule proposals.

L&I is seeking input from interested parties to be used in the formulation of the proposed elevator rules. Interested parties may submit proposals for changes to the rules from November 1, 2021 to December 3, 2021.

L&I is also appointing a general TAC made up of experts and interested group representatives to review and make recommendations on proposals from the elevator industry. Interested parties may submit an application to become a TAC member and participate in the rules development process from November 1, 2021, to December 3, 2021.

For more information about this rulemaking, including how to submit proposals and participate on the TAC, visit the L&I website at <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/elevators/laws-rules-policies#rule-development>.

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Additional comments: None.

Date: October 19, 2021

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