CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Factory Assembled Structures (FAS) Rules

Chapter 296-49A WAC, Director's Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board Chapter 296-150P WAC, Recreational park trailers Chapter 296-150R WAC, Recreational vehicles

The date of adoption for this rule: June 18, 2024

The effective date for this rule: July 22, 2024

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt amendments to the factory assembled structures (FAS) rules. The adopted amendments affect L&I's FAS Advisory Board, and distributing inspection insignia to manufacturers of recreational vehicles. The amendments are necessary after passage of two bills in 2023 that took effect July 23, 2023: House Bill 1514 (HB 1514), chapter 78, Laws of 2023; and Senate Bill 5089 (SB 5089), chapter 36, Laws of 2023.

HB 1514 allows recreational vehicles (RV's) and recreational park trailer manufacturers with an agency approved Quality Control Program to request and purchase insignia while their plans are under review by the FAS Program.

SB 5089 was an L&I request bill that amends membership for the FAS Advisory Board. Amendments include:

- Increasing the number of board members from nine to at least 11.
- Adding a representative for allied trades such as electricians, plumbers and contractors.
- Adding diversity considerations for Board appointments.
- Requiring members to apply for reappointment if serving consecutive terms.

The new statutory amendments also make technical and clean-up changes under Chapters 43.22 and 43.22A RCW.

The adopted rule amendments include:

- Amending plan review requirements for RVs and recreational park trailers for consistency with the statutory amendments under HB 1514.
- Amending the FAS Advisory Board rules for consistency with SB 5089, including adding new members to the Advisory Board representing the allied trades, conversion vending units, and other regulated industries.
- Making various updates and clean-up changes under <u>Chapter 296-49A WAC</u>.

2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:

There are no differences between the proposed and adopted rules.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on March 19, 2024, and ended on April 29, 2024.

A hybrid public hearing was held on April 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in-person at the L&I Tumwater Office and virtually via Zoom meeting. Four (4) L&I staff and four (4) other persons attended the public hearing.

L&I did not receive any oral or written comments on the proposed rules; therefore, the rules have been adopted as proposed.