



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** Chapter 296-800 WAC, Safety and health core rules.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 49.17.240.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) intends to conduct rulemaking for chapter 296-800 WAC, Safety and health core rules.

DOSH is initiating this rulemaking to remove confusing and unnecessary language as well as update where necessary to align with the requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Washington State rules.

In addition, this rulemaking intends to:

- Consider updates for WAC 296-800-13020 in response to a petition L&I received regarding the length of the term a safety committee member may serve.
- Address housekeeping and formatting issues.

This rulemaking may include other changes related to workplace safety.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** In order to maintain State Plan status, DOSH rules must be as "effective as" federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Upon adoption, L&I will submit the adopted amendments to OSHA for approval.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) DOSH will conduct stakeholder meetings to allow those affected by the rule to provide input to

this rule pre-proposal. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules may contact the individual listed below. After L&I proposes amendments, the public may also participate by giving oral testimony, or submitting written comments during the public hearing process.

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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Additional comments: For more information on L&I rulemaking, visit L&I's Rulemaking Activity web page at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>

**Date:** July 23, 2024

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