



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: Online Insurance Submittal for Registered Contractors and Licensed Plumbing Contractors. WAC 296-200A-025, How does a contractor register, renew, reregister or reinstate its registrations?; WAC 296-200A-060, What procedures must be followed when surety bonds and/or insurance policies are canceled?; WAC 296-400A-011, How does a plumbing contractor become licensed, renew, and reinstate their license?; and WAC 296-400A-016, What procedures must be followed when surety bonds and/or insurance policies are canceled?

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 18.27 RCW and Chapter 18.106 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The purpose of this rulemaking is to consider amending the contractor registration and plumbing contractor licensing rules to fully transition to an online insurance system. Currently, L&I accepts paper copies of general liability insurance certificates, reinstatements, and cancellations for contractors by mail and in-person. This process is timely, costly and inefficient for both the agency and customers. The amendments under consideration would require insurance companies to submit insurance documents and information electronically through the Electronic Bond and Insurance Policy System (EBIPS). L&I would no longer accept paper copies by mail, in-person, or through any other electronic method for contractor registration or plumbing contractor licensing. The only exception would be for first-time applicants for contractor registration or plumbing contractor licensing; these first-time applicants could submit insurance documents and information by mail or in-person. In addition, L&I currently requires that the agency be listed as the certificate holder on the certificate of insurance and is considering adding this requirement to the rule to ensure clarity.

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.

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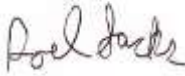
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