Agency Rulemaking

RCWs that affect and guide rulemaking.

- The Washington State Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
- The Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW.

CR-101 form package filed CR-102 form package filed CR-103P form package filed

The start of rulemaking



- Public notified of intent of possible rulemaking via WA Register
- Development of proposed rule language with input from stakeholders
- Agency conducts any required analysis, including the Cost Benefit Analysis and the Small Business Economic Impact Statement



Public notice of proposed rule & public hearing

- Proposed rule filed
- Public hearings held and written comment period
- Public comments collected and reviewed
- Response to public comments prepared
- Decisions made on final rule language





- Adoption of final rule that incorporates agency consideration of public comments upon filing CR 103 with Code Reviser
- Public comments and agency responses compiled into Concise Explanatory Statement provided to all commenters and the public
- Public notified of rule adoption via WA Register
- Rule becomes effective on its effective date, minimum 31 days after adoption

Emergency Rulemaking



The Emergency Process

- May be used when a rule is needed before the standard rulemaking process can be completed
- Requires the agency find the immediate adoption of a rule is necessary, including due to public health, safety, or general welfare concerns
- Does not require public notice or hearing
- Public notified of intent of rulemaking via WA Register
- Emergency rule is for 120 days, a new filing needed to extend