



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: The Employment Security Department (department), Leave and Care Division, is considering amending several sections of rule to provide additional clarity and improve programmatic operations. Subjects that may be addressed include, but are not limited to, placement, correcting an out-of-date pointer to an RCW, elective coverage eligibility, designated representatives, and employer reporting requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50A.05.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department recognizes the need for clear and usable guidance for ongoing programmatic operations. The department is considering new or amended rules that may include the following topics:

- Placement;
- Elective coverage;
- Designated representatives; and
- Employer reporting requirements.

The department may also consider providing additional guidance as needed.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No federal agencies and no other state agencies regulate the PFML program as authority is granted solely to the Employment Security Department.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking. The draft rules will be shared with the public, stakeholders, and the program's Advisory Committee. The department will solicit input from all involved parties and consider all comments in the development of the final rules.

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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