



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: The passage of House Bill (HB) 2614 in the 2020 legislative session requires the department to engage in rulemaking in order to implement the bill. This preproposal statement of inquiry includes, but is not limited to, rules related to the waiting period, conditional waivers, program eligibility (family members), appeals, exemptions from "employment," subpoena authority, and damages.

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 Employment Security Department must implement HB 2614 as directed by the Legislature. As part of that implementation, this rulemaking seeks to provide clear and usable guidance for the public regarding program operations.

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 this program as it is a new state entitlement with authority 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) 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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