



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: Implementing the Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program (Title 50A RCW) requires substantial rulemaking. Consistent with Agile methodology, rulemaking is being done in several distinct phases. This preproposal statement of inquiry begins phase 6 of the program's rulemaking. This phase includes, but is not limited to, appeals, typical workweek hours, intermittent leave, implementing legislative changes, and other rules as necessary.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50A.04.215

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Being a new state entitlement, the PFML program needs clear and usable guidance for the public regarding program operations. These rules will contribute to that guidance

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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