



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend chapter 388-14A WAC and other related rules as may be required regarding abatement of child support for certain incarcerated individuals as well as notice and service mailing requirements by the Office of Administrative Hearings and Division of Child Support.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 26.09.105, 26.09.320, 26.09.325, 26.09.330, 26.09.335, 26.09.340, 26.09.916, 34.05.020, 34.05.060, 34.05.220, 74.08.090, 74.20A.055, 74.20A.056

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Washington State Legislature enacted SHB 2302 during the 2020 Legislative Session. This act makes a series of changes to child support statutes, including policy around abatement of child support for certain incarcerated individuals as well as other technical and housekeeping changes related to notice and service by the Office of Administrative Hearings and Division of Child Support. This rulemaking is necessary to effectuate these statutory changes.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) DCS engages in modified collaborative rulemaking. Those persons wishing to participate in


developing the new rules are encouraged to contact Brady Horenstein at the DSHS Division of Child Support (DCS) Headquarters as soon as possible. DCS will post information regarding this rule development project and others on its web site, which can be found at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support> or on the DSHS Economic Services Administration's Policy Review web site, which can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03esaapps/extpolicy/>

Rulemaking forms and draft rules may also be found on the DSHS Filings and Rules page at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-of-the-secretary/filings-and-rulings>

DSHS/DCS encourages the public to take part in developing rules. After the rules are drafted, DSHS will file a copy with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule-making, and will send a copy to everyone currently on the mailing list and to anyone else who requests a copy.

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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