



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 WAC 388-424-0001, "Citizenship and alien status – Definitions"; WAC 388-466-0005, "Immigration status requirements for refugee assistance"; and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, and RCW 74.08.090

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments are necessary to allow Special Immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan, who entered the U.S. as parolees (under Section 602(B)(1) of Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 or Sec 1059(a) of National Defense Authorization Act), to be eligible for federally funded benefits.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Community Services Division (CSD) will coordinate review of proposed rulemaking with the Health Care Authority (HCA).

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing these rules. Anyone interested should

contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone 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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