



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services (department)

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is considering adding a new section in chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules, and amending other related rules as may be necessary to implement ESHB 1120 (Chapter 203, Laws of 2021).

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.20.090 Rules, regulations, and standards

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** This rule making is necessary to implement ESHB 1120 (Chapter 203, Laws of 2021). The amendments to Chapter 388-78A WAC will re-establish inspection timelines and identify the period of time that inspections were held in suspension during the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with Governor proclamation 20-18.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) The department will use a collaborative rule-making process to develop and receive comments on the draft rules. Draft material and information about how to participate in the rule-making process may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

**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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