



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**  
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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department plans to adopt new WAC section 388-436-xxxx, Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund – (PEAF) and other related rules as may be required.

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

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Amendments planned under this filing will allow for issuance of Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds, a one-time cash payment, to all families with children receiving TANF/SFA or SNAP/FAP whose household income is at or below 75% of the Federal Poverty Level. This funding is part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Title IX, Subtitle C, Sec. 9201), enacted March 2021.

**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) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the 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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