



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 388-310-0350, WorkFirst- Other exemptions from mandatory participation, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, WAC 74.04.055, WAC 74.04.057, WAC 74.08.090, WAC 74.08A.010

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments are necessary to clarify the department's ability to determine whether a TANF recipient is able to participate in WorkFirst activities during a declared state of emergency.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Community Services Division will notify its WorkFirst partner agencies who assist with providing services to TANF WorkFirst families to ensure they are informed of this policy change and any impacts it may have on cross-agency processes.

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 rule making. 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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