



# 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 the following WAC sections:

388-424-0001, "Citizenship and immigration status-Definitions."

388-424-0020, "How does my alien status impact my eligibility for federally funded Basic Food benefits?"

388-466-0005, "Immigration status requirements for refugee cash assistance."

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, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Planned amendments will incorporate changes in eligibility for federally-funded benefits based on federal legislation.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** Planned amendments are in response to federal legislation and based on policy guidance received from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement.

**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.

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