



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**(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 is planning to amend WAC 388-454-0006, "The department makes background checks on adults who are acting in place of a parent without court-ordered custody" and other related rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 43.43.832, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.12.290

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department is required to determine eligibility for "In Loco Parentis" caregivers to receive a cash grant for a child while acting in place of a parent. Planned amendments will support caregivers in receiving cash and support the well-being and safety of children in the care of "In Loco Parentis" caregivers.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

**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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