



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 388-408-0035, Who is in my assistance unit for basic food?, 388-450-0140, How does the income of an ineligible assistance unit member affect my eligibility and benefits for basic food?, 388-489-0005, Who is eligible for transitional food assistance?, 388-489-0010, How is my transitional food assistance benefit calculated? and other related rules as required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.010

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Effective January 1, 2024, planned amendments will implement SSB 5785 (Chapter 98, Laws of 2022) and allow DSHS to provide transitional food assistance (TFA) for a period of five months to households that stop receiving temporary assistance for needy families and are not in full-family sanction status. If a household member has been in WorkFirst sanction, but the household is still receiving benefits, the remaining eligible household members may receive TFA.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: US Department of Agriculture/Food and Nutrition Service

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

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) The department invites the interested public to review and provide input on the draft language of

this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate 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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