



# 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 is planning to amend WAC 388-444-0030 "Are able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) subject to additional work requirements and time limits to be eligible for basic food?" and 388-444-0035 "Who is exempt from ABAWD time limits and minimum work requirements?" and other related rules as appropriate.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 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 are necessary to comply with federal regulatory changes under the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, effective September 1, 2023. As needed, planned amendments will also make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

**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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