



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-310-1000 "WorkFirst – Vocational education." Chapter 156, Laws of 2017 (2SSB 5347) revised RCW 74.08A.250, which allows the department to extend vocational education as an approvable WorkFirst work activity from 12 to 24 months subject to funding.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.04.057

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Current language in WAC 388-310-1000 "WorkFirst – Vocational education" reflects vocational education as an approvable WorkFirst activity for up to twelve months. The department may extend Vocational Education to twenty-four months effective July 23, 2017, subject to appropriated funding. Adoption of this rule is necessary to improve the general welfare and public health of families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by increasing their opportunity to escape poverty through economic advancement.

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

State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

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.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact: Angela Aikins

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