



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**  
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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Services and Enterprise Support Administration (SESA)

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is planning to amend chapter 388-03 WAC "Certification of DSHS spoken language interpreters, translators, employees, and licensed agency personnel (LAPL)." and other related rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.08.090, 45 CFR Section 80.3(b)(2), RCW 74.04.025, Civil Right Act of 1964, Reyes vs. Thompson Consent Order

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** WAC 388-03-160 was implemented in April 2015. This section stipulates the requirements interpreters and translators must meet to maintain their certification or authorization. It is expected that a large number of interpreters and translators will have their certification or authorization expire due to not meeting requirements. To minimize the impact of a shrinking pool of certified or authorized interpreters and translators, we are proposing amendments. Rule revision is necessary to maintain an adequate pool of certified or authorized interpreters and translators in serving the Limited English Proficient (LEP) clients of the department..

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None.

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

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file

a proposal with the Office of 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.

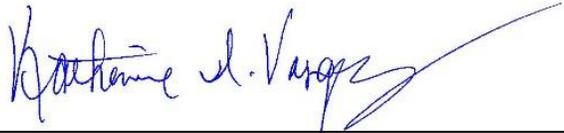
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