



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-840-990, Fees and renewal cycle. The Department of Health (department) in consultation with the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering fee changes for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and nursing technicians.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.36A.060, 18.36A.140, 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: RCW 43.70.250 requires that the costs of licensing each profession be fully borne by members of that profession. Rulemaking is needed to ensure fees cover the costs of licensing the professions. A fee change may be necessary to cover the cost of a database solution to replace an outdated licensing system, for staffing to continue nurse license processing within legislated timelines, and staffing to address increased workload associated with nursing assistants and the long-term care crisis.

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) Collaborative rulemaking.

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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Additional comments: The commission will notify interested parties of rulemaking by posting information on the Department of Health website, the commission website and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive commission rulemaking notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. The commission will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation.

Date: 11/10/2021

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