



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: Establishing an alternative procedure for appealing default decisions.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50.12.010 and RCW 50.12.040 provide general rulemaking authority to the Employment Security Department. RCW 50.32.060 provides authority for rulemaking for hearings and appeals. RCW 34.05.440 provides rulemaking authority for establishing time limits for filing motions to vacate default orders.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Creating a more efficient review process allows for appeals to be handled in a more timely manner.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The U.S. Department of Labor reviews the state's administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of the unemployment insurance laws so long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Draft rules will be shared with the public and stakeholders. The Department will solicit input from all parties and consider all comments in the development of final rules.

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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