PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program under Title 50B RCW requires rulemaking for implementation. Rulemaking is being done in distinct phases. This preproposal statement of inquiry begins phase 2 to implement portions of the program that are under the Employment Security Department's authority. This phase includes, but is not limited to, premium collection, collective bargaining agreement exemptions, election of coverage by self-employed individuals, refunds, cadence of reporting and payments, appeals, and other rules as necessary.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 50B.04 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Employment Security Department must implement and administer portions of chapter 50B.04 RCW.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Washington State Health Care Authority, Department of Social and Health Services, and Office of the State Actuary. The Employment Security Department's rules drafting timeline will be shared with these agencies and feedback will be requested from them throughout the rulemaking process.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) The draft rules will be shared with other state agencies, the public, stakeholders, and the program's Commission and Council. The Employment Security Department will solicit input from all involved parties and consider all comments in the development of the final rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

(If necessary)

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Additional comments:

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