



Final Cost-Benefit Analysis Public Records Procedures

Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328, the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby analyzes the costs and benefits of amending rules regarding public records procedures.

Costs

No costs are anticipated. This rulemaking involves two changes: (1) removing the requirement that a person submitting a public records request provide their address and (2) adding a process for a requestor to file a petition for the Department to review a denial of a public records request. No costs are associated with the first change as it simply removes a piece of information from the requirements of submitting a public records request. As to the second change, the Department already reviews and responds when requestors whose requests for records were denied ask the Department to change or review its decision. This rule change provides a clear process for requestors to follow in order to obtain such a review and response without creating new or additional work or costs for the Department.

Benefits

The proposed rulemaking will remove an unnecessary requirement for public records requestors to provide their address when making a public records request. It will also set forth a clear process for requestors to petition the Department to review a denial of a public records request.

Conclusion

The proposed rulemaking provides benefits to public records requestors without imposing costs.