

Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328, the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby describes its implementation plan for its failure to respond rulemaking.

Plan to implement and enforce the rule

The purpose of this rulemaking is to update the regulations governing the Department's public records processes, including the information required to be submitted as part of a public records request and requests for the Department to review a response denying a public records request. 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. Therefore, no implementation plan is required.

Plan to inform and educate affected persons about the rule

The Department will share rules with stakeholder groups through the Department's online distribution lists.

Plan to promote and assist voluntary compliance

The plan to promote and assist voluntary compliance will be identical to the plan to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.

Plan to evaluate whether the rules achieve the purpose for which they were adopted

Requestors can continue to provide their address in their requests, but under the new rules are not required to do so. The rule formalizes the Department's current practice regarding public records requestors who ask the Department to review its denial of a request. A formal evaluation process is not necessary for this rulemaking.