



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: This rulemaking will consider permanently adopting the Department's emergency rules concerning natural disasters and any additional rule changes needed to address the impacts of natural or other types of disasters on claimants and employers.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.20.010, 50.22.155, and 50.29.021.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This rulemaking is necessary to address the impact of disasters, such as wildfires, on claimants and employers.

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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Additional comments: None.

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