



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: Expanding good cause for voluntarily quitting employment.

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. The Department has authority to adopt rules to implement House Bill 1106 (2023), which amended RCW 50.20.050 and RCW 50.29.021.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This rulemaking is needed to incorporate into the Department's rules the changes made by House Bill 1106, which expanded the good cause reasons for voluntarily quitting employment set forth in RCW 50.20.050 and updates the employer charging requirements set forth in RCW 50.29.021.

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) Permanent rule making.

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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