



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-809 WAC and Chapter 246-811 WAC. The Department of Health (department) is considering adding new sections to these chapters to implement the requirements of Senate Bill 5054 regarding probationary licensure and a reciprocity program between Washington and other US states and territories for the following mental health licenses: Substance Use Disorder Professional, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, Advanced Social Worker, and Independent Clinical Social Worker. The department may also fix internal references in both chapters as needed to harmonize with the newly added sections. Finally, the department will open WACs 246-809-990, and 246-811-990 to discuss a fee regarding probationary licensure for each of the licenses listed as well as WAC 246-924-990 for a psychology probationary license as authorized by the statute.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: SB 5054 (Chapter 351, Laws of 2019); RCW 18.205.060, 18.225.040, 43.70.110 and 43.70.250

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Rule making is necessary for the department to establish the administrative requirements and fees for the reciprocity programs and probationary licensure required in statute. The statute and subsequent rulemaking is intended to increase the mental health professional workforce in Washington State.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative

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: Rule development will take place in open public meetings prior to a formal rule proposal and comment period. All rulemaking notices will be mailed via GovDelivery to various behavioral health professions lists. Notices for this rulemaking will be the same regardless of the GovDelivery list it will be sent to. To receive notices, interested persons may sign up for any or all of the lists mentioned here. Please go to:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next click open the box labeled "Health Professions." From there you may check the box next

to one or more of the follow professions: Agency Affiliated Counselor, Board of Psychology, Certified Counselors/Certified Advisers, Licensed Counselors.

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