



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 326-02-034 Political Subdivision fees.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 39.19.220, RCW 39.19.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Under current rules, the formula for determining each political subdivision's fees contain gaps that create ambiguity. The fees also do not increase smoothly as expenditures rise under the current formula. Finally, the cap on fees has not been updated since 2004, despite the growth in expenditures. As a result, political subdivisions with greater expenditures pay a lower proportion in fees compared to political subdivisions with less expenditures. The new formula will make fees more predictable, less ambiguous, and more proportionate to expenditures. The resulting increase in collections will offset increases in the staff cost for OMWBE to certify businesses.

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

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

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

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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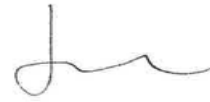
Additional comments:

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