



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Aging & Disability Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is reviewing:

- Building/construction requirements in WAC sections 388-78A-2900 through 388-78A-3130.
- Other sections relating to resident quality of life, quality of care and safety as necessary which may include but are not limited to: WAC 388-78A-2170 through 2200 (Boarding home services), WAC 388-78A-2630 through 2650 (Reporting requirements); WAC 388-78A-2660 through 2690 (Resident rights); WAC 388-78A-2700 (Safety)

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

Chapter 18.20 RCW Boarding homes

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The department is amending chapter 388-78A WAC:

- To clarify building requirements for new boarding home construction.
- To enhance readability of several building requirement sections.
- To create flexibility in construction requirements for providers to meet resident needs.
- To identify other sections that address resident quality of life, quality of care, and safety that may need to be amended or added.

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

Washington State Building Code Council

Washington State Department of Health, Facilities and Services Licensing, Construction Review Services

Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Disability Rights Washington (formerly called Washington Protection and Advocacy System)

Draft rules will be shared with the above entities and others for review and comment during the rulemaking process.

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

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

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. DSHS will follow all established rule making procedures related to rulemaking.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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