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 and Long-Term Support Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend the following existing sections in chapter 388-78A WAC "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules": WAC 388-78A-2020, WAC 388-78A-2461, WAC 388-78A-2462, WAC 388-78A-2464, WAC 388-78A-24642, WAC 388-78A-2465, WAC 388-78A-2466, WAC 388-78A-2467, WAC 388-78A-2468, WAC 388-78A-24681, WAC 388-78A-2469, WAC 388-78A-2470, WAC 388-78A-24701, WAC 388-78A-2471, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

Chapter 18.20 RCW, Chapter 74.39A RCW

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

The purpose for the changes is to consolidate the Negative Actions and Character, Competence, and Suitability rules related to background checks for Home and Community Services (HCS), Residential Care Services (RCS), and Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The consolidated list will provide better clarity and understanding for the public and contracted entities, reduce the amount of WAC language, and help preserve the health and safety of our clients.

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

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) will collaborate and coordinate with the DSHS Background Check Central Unit (BCCU) to consolidate and coordinate rules related to negative actions and Character, Competence, and Suitability reviews in Chapter 388-78A and other WAC chapters such as chapter 388-06 WAC, chapter 388-71 WAC, chapter 388-76 WAC, chapter 388-97 WAC, chapter 388-101 WAC, chapter 388-825 WAC, and other chapters as may be necessary.

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. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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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