



# 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 sections in chapter 388-78A WAC "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules" including WAC 388-78A-2380, WAC 388-78A-2680, WAC 388-78A-2690, WAC 388-78A-2700, WAC 388-78A-2750, WAC 388-78A-2800, WAC 388-78A-2810, WAC 388-78A-2820, WAC 388-78A-2830, WAC 388-78A-2840, WAC 388-78A-2850, WAC 388-78A-2860, WAC 388-78A-2870, WAC 388-78A-2880, WAC 388-78A-2890, WAC 388-78A-2900, WAC 388-78A-2910, WAC 388-78A-2920, WAC 388-78A-2930, WAC 388-78A-2940, WAC 388-78A-2950, WAC 388-78A-2960, WAC 388-78A-2970, WAC 388-78A-2980, WAC 388-78A-2990, WAC 388-78A-3000, WAC 388-78A-3010, WAC 388-78A-3020, WAC 388-78A-3030, WAC 388-78A-3040, WAC 388-78A-3050, WAC 388-78A-3060, WAC 388-78A-3070, WAC 388-78A-3080, WAC 388-78A-3090, WAC 388-78A-3100, WAC 388-78A-3110, WAC 388-78A-3120, WAC 388-78A-3130, WAC 388-78A-3230, 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:**

These rules have not been updated in seven or more years and are unclear, ambiguous, and inaccurate. The rules need to be coordinated with national building code standards for licensed healthcare facilities of this type.

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

The Washington Department of Health Construction Review Services and the Washington State Patrol Office of the State Fire Marshal collaborate and coordinate closely with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services to inspect and develop requirements for the physical environment described in chapter 388-78A "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules". This collaboration may also include identifying coordination opportunities for related WAC chapters as necessary for future rule projects.

**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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