



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**WSR 23-24-018**

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration, HCS

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is considering amendments to WAC 388-71-0971, 388-71-0990, and 388-71-0991 related to continuing education requirements that must be verified by an employer when a long-term care worker is hired.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 70.128.120, 71A.12.040, 74.39A.009, 74.39A.070, and 74.39A.074

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Rules on this subject are needed due to current confusion around what continuing education must be verified by an employer when hiring a long-term care worker. This confusion creates a potential barrier to maintaining the workforce.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) The department welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, the department will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**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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