



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services , Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-400-0065, "Housing and essential needs (HEN)," and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.025, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Effective July 27, 2025, planned amendments will implement provisions of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5232 (Chapter 408, Laws of 2025) related to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program. If applicable, these amendments will make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

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

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 rulemaking. 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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