



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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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 the following WAC sections and other related rules as may be required: WAC 388-444-0030, "Are able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) subject to additional work requirements and time limits to be eligible for basic food?" and 388-444-0035 "Who is exempt from ABAWD time limits and minimum work requirements?"

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments are necessary to implement changes in exceptions to ABAWD time limits as passed in H.R.1 (Public Law 119-21), effective July 4, 2025. 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: The United States Department of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Services (FNS), enforces the provisions of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as enacted in the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act and codified in Code of Federal Regulations. The department will amend rules consistent with the Act, federal regulations, and FNS administrative notices and formal guidance.

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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