



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Walking Working Surfaces. Chapter 296-24 WAC, General safety and health standards, and Chapter 296-876 WAC, Ladders, portable and fixed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In November of 2016 the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a final rule updating its general industry Walking-Working Surfaces standards. Consequently, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) will be amending our rules to make them at least as effective as OSHA, as required by the Washington State Plan.

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) Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

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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