



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
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Agency: Department of Health- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-840-111, 246-840-120, 246-840-125, and 246-840-200 through 246-840-260. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amendments to the continuing competency rules and requirements for active, inactive, expired, and retired active credential status.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.79.010 and 18.79.110

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The commission determined there is a lack of supporting evidence that current continuing competency rules adequately ensure the competency of nurses. The commission recognizes the importance of a competent nursing workforce and opening the rules would allow the commission to collaboratively work with stakeholders to develop the best mechanism for meeting the legislative intent of RCW 18.79.010 and 18.79.110. Amendments to the rules may be needed to adequately ensure the competency of nurses.

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) Collaborative Rule Making

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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Additional comments: Interested stakeholders may sign up to receive Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission rulemaking notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>

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