



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-830-201, 246-830-485, 246-830-490, 246-830-500 and 246-830-510 Massage Practitioners. The Department of Health (department), in coordination with the Board of Massage (board), is considering revising sections of the massage practitioner rules to correct the names of the national examinations, clarify the training requirements for somatic education and intraoral massage education, and clarify and modernize the language in the equipment and sanitation rule and the hygiene rule.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.108.025 and RCW 18.108.085

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The identified sections of chapter 246-830 WAC are being opened in response to the board's request to consider clarifying the training rules for somatic education and intraoral massage education, and modernizing the language in the equipment and sanitation rule and the hygiene rule that are necessary for public protection. The names of the national examinations also need to be corrected for accuracy.

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 rulemaking

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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