



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Board of Naturopathy

Subject of possible rule making: Naturopathic licensure requirements. WAC 246-836-020, Requirements for licensure and WAC 246-836-040, Jurisprudence examinations. The Board of Naturopathy (board) is considering amendments to licensure requirements relating to the jurisprudence examination as a condition for licensure and to clarify, update, and simplify rules to comply with Second Substitute House bill (2SHB) 1724, (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.130.077.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.36A.160 and 2SHB 1724 codified as RCW 18.130.077

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

RCW 18.130.077 requires that, "Disciplining authorities shall waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure last longer than 90 days."

The board is considering amendments to rules regarding the jurisprudence examination as a condition for licensure to comply with the requirements in RCW 18.130.077. The board intends to implement the goals of this statute by considering amendments that clarify, update, and simplify the naturopathic licensure process to reduce licensure barriers for licensed applicants who have been credentialed in states with substantially equivalent standards. The board will also consider any other related sections that are affected by 2SHB 1724.

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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Additional comments: The board will use the existing GovDelivery list to inform stakeholders of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. Interested parties can join the GovDelivery list to get information on participating in the process by subscribing at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new> and select Naturopathy program.

Date: 4/24/24

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Signature:

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