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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners - Expanding opportunities for English based examination requirements. The Department of Health (department), in consultation with the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee (committee), is considering amending WAC 246-803-103, Application Requirements for Applicants from Foreign Schools and WAC 246-803-240, Examinations, to allow the acceptance of the Occupational English Test (OET).

Expanding English based examination may provide more options for Washington State acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner licensing applicants who have completed the required National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) examinations in languages other than English. English based examinations are necessary as acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners are required to demonstrate sufficient fluency in reading, speaking, and understanding English. The department in consultation with the committee may consider amendments to other relevant application and examination requirement rule sections in chapter 246-803 WAC.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.06.080 and RCW 18.06.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department received a petition on March 06, 2024, requesting rulemaking for the acceptance of the OET. After careful consideration, the department agreed to explore potential rule making.

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: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rulemaking, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioners."

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristin Peterson".