



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Naturopathic Physician Licensure Fees - Removing the Jurisprudence exam fee from the Naturopathic physician licensure fees in WAC 246-836-990. The Department of Health (department) in consultation with the Board of Naturopathy (board), is considering removing the jurisprudence examination fee from rule to align with the recent changes to the naturopathic licensure requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.250

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

In February 2025, the board adopted amendments to WAC 246-836-020 and 246-836-040 that remove the jurisprudence exam as a requirement for initial licensure as a naturopathic physician and instead require the exam to maintain licensure. The purpose of the boards amendment was to align current rules with the licensure requirements in RCW 18.130.077 and remove barriers for incoming out of state applicants.

Additionally, the board made the decision to transition the exam from a paper format to only offer it in an electric format, which comes at no cost to individuals who need to take the exam.

To align with the board's recent rule changes, the department is considering the removal of the jurisprudence exam fee from WAC 246-836-990, Naturopathic physician licensing fees and renewal cycle.

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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