



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**Agency:** Department of Health and Board of Massage

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-830-005, 246-830-037, and WAC 246-830-430, Massage Therapists. The Department of Health (department), in coordination with the Board of Massage (board), is examining and may consider revising sections of the massage therapist rules related to massage education and training transfer programs.

**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 board received a rules petition requesting the board to review the transfer process to make it a standard process that does not vary from school to school depending on the number hours of massage education the school offers. In response to the petition the board and the department, together, will consider changes to the rules regulating transfer program requirements taking into consideration if amendments are necessary to ensure that all transfer programs operate in accordance with RCW 18.108.025 and 18.108.028.

**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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