



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Veterinary Board of Governors

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-933 WAC, Veterinarians, and chapter 246-935 WAC, Veterinary Technicians. The Veterinarian Board of Governors (board) is considering adopting the health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with RCW 43.70.613, as amended by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 (Chapter 276, Laws of 2021). The board will also consider whether additional CE hours and course topics should be included.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.92.030, RCW 43.70.040, RCW 43.70.613, RCW 18.130.040.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: By January 1, 2024, RCW 43.70.613(1) requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a CE requirement to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years.

RCW 43.70.613(3)(b) also directed the Department of Health (department) to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department adopted model rules for health equity CE minimum standards in November 2022. Any rules developed by the board must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules found at WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The goal of health equity CE training is to ensure that health care professionals complete health equity training and that the content of the health equity trainings include instruction on skills to address structural factors, such as bias, racism, and poverty, which manifest as health inequities. The objective of requiring health equity training is to enable health care professionals to care effectively for patients from diverse cultures, groups, and communities, varying race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, religion, age, ability, socioeconomic status, and other categories of identity.

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 rule making

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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