



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Board of Optometry

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-851-440 through 246-851-470. The Board of Optometry (board) is considering updating health professional monitoring program terminology as required by Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5496 Health professional monitoring programs.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.54.070, RCW 18.130.050, RCW 18.130.175, RCW 18.130.186, SSB 5496 (Chapter 43, Laws of 2022).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The board is considering amendments to terminology and definitions to implement SSB 5496 (chapter 43, Laws of 2022) for substance use disorder and the health professional monitoring program for: WAC 246-851-440 Philosophy governing voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs; WAC 246-851-450 Definitions; WAC 246-851-460 Approval of substance abuse monitoring programs; and WAC 246-851-470 Participation in approved substance abuse monitoring program.

Amendments will include terminology and definitions for currently accepted language and replacing "substance abuse" with "substance use disorder" based on SSB 5496. The board will also consider amendments to correct citations and make other general housekeeping changes.

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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Additional comments: Notices will be emailed through the program's GovDelivery interested parties list. Interested parties will be invited to participate in meetings and rule drafting workshops. At the formal proposal stage of rulemaking, proposed

rule language will be posted on the department's rules comments website to receive public comment for the public hearing. To join the interested parties list via GovDelivery notices visit www.doh.wa.gov and click on the Subscribe button at the bottom of the page, next check the box for Optometry Board under Health Professions.

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