



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Public water system fees as identified in WAC 246-290-990, Water system evaluation and project review and approval fees. The Department of Health (department) is considering amending public water system fees to cover operating costs. This may include updating or restructuring existing fees or creating new fees.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.110, RCW 43.70.250, RCW 43.20B.020

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: RCW 43.70.110 and 43.70.250 authorizes the Secretary of Health to establish various fees associated with licensing and regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses. These fees should be set at a level that covers the costs of administering each program or license. RCW 43.20B.020 authorizes the department to charge fees for services. The department completed an initial assessment of the drinking water program and determined fees are not generating sufficient revenue to cover the costs of the program. The department will assess the cost of services provided and adjust or restructure fees accordingly to ensure that they cover the cost of operations.

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: The department will use a collaborative rule making approach by keeping interested parties informed of the rule development through email and posting information on the department's rulemaking websites. Interested parties will have the opportunity to provide comments throughout the rulemaking process and at the public hearing. To be added to the interested parties list please contact Brad Burnham.

Date: April 1, 2024

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristin Peterson".