



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Board of Optometry

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-851 Optometrists. The Board of Optometry (board) is considering adding a new section to chapter 246-851 WAC for suicide prevention education, and repealing WAC 246-851-430 AIDS prevention education requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.54.070; Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020); Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2411 (chapter 229, Laws of 2020).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: ESHB 1551 repeals RCW 70.24.270 which requires optometrists and other health professionals to complete AIDS education and training. ESHB 2411 amends RCW 43.70.442, directing the board to adopt rules that require a one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The board is considering rulemaking on both topics to comply with these legislative mandates.

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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