



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Subject of possible rule making: Administrative Hearings

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-15

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060, RCW 34.05.220, and RCW 34.05.250

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Over the last several years there has been confusion by those requesting hearings and participating in hearings, including the OIC, as to the administrative hearing process. Therefore, to try and clear up some of this confusion the Commissioner will consider amending existing rules and adopt new rules regarding administrative hearings before the Commissioner. These rules may include, but not limited to: providing a distinction between those "aggrieved" and "licensees," clarify the process for requesting a hearing, clarify the process requirements for pre-hearing conferences, make provisions for parties to adjudicative proceedings to request reconsideration, the conduct of discovery, filing and consideration of motions, and the OAH model rules.

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

X Other (describe) Submit written comments by: July 22, 2016

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How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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