



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2025-04

Subject of possible rule making: Implementation of ESB 5721, Registering and identifying umpires in auto appraisals

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060; Chapter 394, Laws of 2025

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Legislature passed Engrossed Senate Bill 5721 relating to the creation of a standard automobile insurance appraisal clause language. The new law requires the Insurance Commissioner to register competent and disinterested umpires who will be identified to appraisers if they are unable to agree on an umpire to resolve their loss dispute.

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) Submit written comments by August 1, 2025.

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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