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: Transfer regulatory authority over Independent Review Organization (IRO) from DOH to OIC

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-17

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060, RCW 48.43.535, and RCW 43.70.235 as recodified by Chapter 139, Laws of 2016

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Passed legislation HB 2326 requires that by January 1, 2017, the regulatory authority over Independent Review Organizations (IRO) be transferred from Department of Health to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The legislation requires that rules be adopted providing procedure and criteria for certifying IROs by taking into consideration rules adopted by DOH that regulate IROs. The rules adopted must require IROs to report decisions and associated information directly to the OIC.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
Department of Health

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- X Other (describe) Submit written comments by: August 5, 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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