



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health – Board of Massage

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants. The Board of Massage (board), in coordination with the Department of Health (department), is examining and may consider amending this section of the massage therapist rules related to licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.108.025, RCW 18.108.095.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The board received two rule making petitions. One petition requesting that the board remove the requirement for two years of experience and 24 hours of continuing education in WAC 246-830-035(1)(a)(ii). The second petition is requesting that the board clarify the language in WAC 246-830-035(1)(a)(i) to ensure applicants understand that endorsement is tied to the state’s licensure requirements; not the program that the applicant completed.

The board is considering amendments to WAC 246-830-035 that would reduce barriers for out-of-state applicants seeking a massage therapy license in Washington State.

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 rule making

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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