



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services

Subject of possible rule making: Amending the rules (chapter 208-680 WAC) under the Escrow Agent Registration Act.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: chapter 43.320 RCW, RCW 18.44.410.
Proposed in compliance with OFM Guidance 3.a. and e.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rules must be amended to implement changes to the law, to aid the regulated industries by having consistent rules within the industry, and to make technical changes for clarity and consistency.

Recent amendments to the law become effective July 28, 2013.

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

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau implements a number of federal laws that industry must comply with. As Washington law allows and when federal regulations provide adequate consumer protection, DFI insures that state regulations are consistent with the federal regulations. This gives industry a consistent and equitable regulatory environment in which to operate.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe):

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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