



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Agency:** Department of Licensing

**Subject of possible rule making:** Significant decisions in driver license cases.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 46.01.110 and 34.05.220.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) provides administrative hearings for drivers facing various types of license suspension and revocation. With 18 hearings examiners, there is a risk that decisions on reoccurring legal issues can be divergent and inconsistent. DOL is seeking to develop a process for nominating, selecting and indexing hearing examiners' decisions that are significant and resolve a question about reoccurring legal issues or statutes under DOL's authority. A significant decision would give guidance to the attorneys and the public on the way in which DOL interprets the law and exercises its discretion.

**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) Internal review and stakeholder input.

**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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