## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**Agency:** Department of Licensing

**Subject of possible rule making:** Chapter 308-109 WAC Motorcycle skills education schools

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 46.81A.020 (2)

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

Gaps exist in the current statutes and policies that guide the Motorcycle Safety Program. For example, they do not provide the authority to ensure instructors and other personnel involved in license endorsement training and testing meet the professional standards deemed essential to the integrity of the program and public safety. Following a NHTSA review in 2002, the state was advised to adopt rules that formalize the operation of the program and establish the relationship between chapters of the RCW that impact the program. The proposed rules will address public safety concerns as well as formalize operation of the program.

**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, stakeholder input and a minimum of three stakeholder work-group meetings in mid-2016, from which draft documents will be available for public review and comment later in the year. A public hearing to be conducted toward year end following notification to all stakeholders and persons requesting notice.

**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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