Transcript of the public hearing for rulemaking activity for WAC 308-33-105 – Employment agency fees April 25, 2023

Kelsey Stone:

Good afternoon. This is a public hearing before the Washington State Department of Licensing being held to elicit public testimony, both oral and written, with regard to proposed rules regarding increasing employment agency licensing fees established in WAC 308-33-105 employment agency fees. This hearing is being held via Zoom at 11:00 AM on April 25th, 2023.

Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 23-07-115 filed with the Code Advisor's Office on March 21st, 2023. Copies of the proposed rules are available at www.dol.wa.gov/about/rules. The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 43.24.086 fee policy for professions, occupations, and businesses determination by rule and RCW 46.01.110 rulemaking authority.

My name is Kelsey Stone, and my title is policy and legislative analyst. The Director of Licensing has designated me to preside over this hearing. Representatives of the Washington State Department of Licensing are present today if there are questions, Shauna Herron, Management Analyst III.

The procedure today will be as follows, the department is required to make a record of this hearing by stenographic, mechanical, or electronic means. Therefore, we are audio recording this hearing. Anyone wishing to testify today should provide their name and contact information in the chat or let me know they would like to testify when I ask if there's anyone wishing to testify. I'll ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to a sheet. This sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results and the agency's response to comments. You'll be called to testify in the order in which I collect your information. To assist in preparing the record of this public hearing, individuals testifying today should state their name, who they represent, if they're testifying on behalf of others and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules. The department has not received written comments on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments here, please email them to rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov and we will include them in the formal record. Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file.

Now we will hear oral statements from those present. Hearing none, we want to thank... Oh. Yeah, just [inaudible 00:02:39].

Hearing none, we want to thank you for your comments. The department will prepare a concise, explanatory statement, which will, among other things, summarize all the oral and written comments received regarding the proposed rules and respond to them by category or subject matter. Copies of the concise explanatory statement will be forwarded to all those who have made oral or written comments. This hearing is adjourned.