PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Patrol

Subject of possible rule making: Lighting and Emergency Equipment: WAC 204-21-130 Emergency Lamps; WAC 204-21-230 Lighting Equipment Prohibited and WAC 204-36-050 Equipment Requirements

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 46.37.005, 46.37.320 and 46.37.194

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Changes to WAC 204-21-130, 204-21-230 and 204-36-050 are needed to coincide with legislative changes to RCW 46.37.184 that permit rear-facing blue lights on fire department vehicles, which will become effective June 9, 2022. A change is also needed in WAC 204-36-050 to make it consistent with the authority in WAC 204-21-130 and 204-21-230, which permit blue lights on law enforcement vehicles. Additional minor, non-substantive changes are necessary to clean up the existing language and eliminate confusion.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: WSP anticipates providing draft language to impacted stakeholders for review and input as part of the process

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

☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe) Agency review. WSP welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff members identified below. At a later date, the WSP will file a Proposed Rule Making (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to anyone who requests a copy.

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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