



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Music Therapists. The Department of Health (department) is considering creating a new chapter of rules under Title 246 WAC to establish licensing regulations for music therapists, including fees. The department will consider any necessary rules for an advisory committee.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.233.060, 18.233.070, 43.70.250, and chapter 18.233 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1247 (Chapter 175, Laws of 2023), codified as chapter 18.233 RCW, directs the department to adopt rules necessary to implement a licensure program for music therapists. Rules must be in place by January 1, 2025 and include:

- education, training, and examination requirements for initial licensure;
- continuing education requirements;
- fees for licensing, examination, and renewal; and
- other qualifications as determined by the Secretary.

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) Collaborative

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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