



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of the Attorney General

Subject of possible rule making: The Office of the Attorney General (Office) received a petition for rulemaking seeking amendments to the Model Public Records Act Rules, in particular WAC 44-14-010 through .040, regarding timely and prompt responses by agencies to public records requests. The Office is considering amendments to the Model Rules to address this topic.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 42.56.570(3))

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Office has a role through rulemaking to provide agencies guidance in complying with the Public Records Act (PRA). The Model Rules are a tool that an agency can use to align its practices with the requirements of the PRA. The Office is considering amending the Model Rules related to timely and prompt responses to, among other things, provide clarity for agencies and requesters and address how technology and other practices may be available to assist in responding.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No federal or state agencies regulate the PRA model rules

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

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Collaborative regular rulemaking. The Office will solicit input from stakeholders in the development of draft language and consider all comments in the adoption of final rules.

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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