Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: Adopt rules to implement SSB 5653, Ch. 248, Laws of 2007, which establishes a self-employment assistance program.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50.12.010, RCW 50.12.040, RCW 50.20.010, and C 248 L 2007 § 1(7).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rules will clarify that the self-employment assistance program is a component of commissioner-approved training; the conditions for approving a participant’s training program; define when a participant fails to participate in the program and the consequences of that failure; how a participant’s earnings will be treated while enrolled in the training program; clarify provisions related to the prohibition against competing with a former employer; define terms; and related provisions necessary to the administration of the program.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The U.S. Department of Labor reviews the state’s administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of unemployment insurance laws as long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

In addition, the department will work with other state agencies, including the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development and Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board, in the development of these regulations.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) The department intends to hold meetings with the interested public and other state agencies to obtain input on the proposed rule-making.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Interested persons can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting:
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