WAC 480-07-920 Interpretive and policy statements. (1) General. Upon the petition of any person, or upon its own initiative, the commission may make and issue interpretive and policy statements to advise the public of the commission's current opinions, approaches, and likely courses of action. Interpretive and policy statements are advisory only and are not binding on the commission or any person.

(2) Roster of interested persons. The commission will maintain a roster of interested persons who have requested in writing to be notified of all interpretive and policy statements the commission issues. The commission will periodically update the roster. The commission will provide an electronic copy to each person on the roster when the commission issues an interpretive and policy statement.

(3) Submission of statement to the office of the code reviser. Whenever it issues an interpretive and policy statement, the commission will submit to the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register a statement describing the subject matter of the interpretive and policy statement and describing how interested persons may obtain a copy of that statement.

(4) Conversion to rules. The commission may convert any interpretive and policy statement into rules through a formal rule making. Any interested person may petition the commission to initiate such a rule making. Upon receipt of such a petition, the commission will:

(a) Notify the joint administrative rules review committee of the petition; and

(b) Within sixty days either deny the petition in writing, stating the reasons for the denial, or initiate rule-making proceedings.

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