**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**

**Agency:** Washington State Department of Commerce

**Subject of possible rule making:**
Public Records
Chapter 365-10 WAC, Public Records - Disclosure

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** EHB 1595 (Chapter 304, Laws of 2017), Chapters 42.56 and 43.330 RCW

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** This rulemaking is needed to update Commerce’s WACs implementing the Public Records Act to reflect changes to the Act in the 2017 legislative session.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**
Commerce’s Public Records Officer will develop the rule updates in consultation with the Attorney General and Code Reviser’s offices.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**
- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [ ] Agency study
- [x] Other (describe)

Commerce’s Public Records Office will coordinate rule development with relevant state agencies.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**
For information, contact Jaime Rossman, Rules Coordinator, at 360-725-2717 or jaime.rossman@commerce.wa.gov. Interested parties may also view updates on this and other Commerce rulemakings, and sign-up to receive information and participate in the formulation of proposed rules, at http://www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/rulemaking/.

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