

Here is another thought, and a "heads up", in regard to our position on the granting of temporary authority, WAC 480-15-280.

Although we feel strongly that applicants should be required to have appropriate accounts with the state departments of revenue, I & i, and employment security before temporary authority is granted, you probably noticed that previous suggestion of a physical review of an applicant's facilities and equipment has been dropped, asking only for a physical review of an applicant's vehicles.

However, in lieu of language requiring any type of physical review before granting temporary authority, we would like to suggest a competency examination of the type that is administered by California. We would propose, in light of the new regulatory environment, that all moving companies be required to have at least one manager within the company pass the exam. This would at least provide some assurance that new, and existing, moving companies are aware of the requirements for such consumer protection issues such as providing written estimates, insurance and vehicle safety, advertising, valuation, and basic tariff requirements.

I just wanted to let you know I will be bringing this up, so that you can have a chance to consider its merit.

See you tomorrow,

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