



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

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COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClist.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

- 1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.**
 - The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: To require new railroad train crew employees to obtain a minimum amount of actual working experience before being placed in a supervisory or lead position involving the operation of trains.
 - The rule is needed because: Railroad carriers are eliminating longstanding collective bargaining agreement requirements that mandated new train crew employees undergo a specific amount of time obtaining actual working experience, under the supervision of experienced crewmembers, before being allowed to perform service in supervisory or lead positions in train operations. Eliminating any actual work experience requirements whatsoever for new railroad employees, then placing these inexperienced novices all alone in supervisory and leading positions responsible for the safe operation of trains, places rail employees and the public in great danger. Especially involving the movement of volatile and hazardous materials, highly flammable commodities, as well as "Key Trains", No other regulated transportation industry in our nation is allowed to engage in such irresponsible operational practices absent any minimal experiential regulatory requirements of their newly hired employees.
 - The new rule would affect the following people or groups: The public, all communities traversed by trains, railroad companies, new and experienced railroad operating employees.

2 AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

I am requesting the following change: _____

This change is needed because: _____

The effect of this rule change will be: _____

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____