

# Transcript for public hearing on WAC 308-29-045: collection agency fees

November 28, 2022

Ellis Starrett:

Good morning. This is a public hearing before the Washington State Department of Licensing being held to elicit public testimony, both oral and written, with regard to proposed rules increasing fees set forth in WAC 308-29-045: collection agency fees. This hearing is being held via Zoom and has an in-person attendance option located Downtown Olympia at the Highways & Licensing Building. The hearing is being held at 10:00 AM on November 28th, 2022. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 22-21-132 filed with the Code Reviser's Office on October 19th, 2022. Copies of the proposed rules are available at [dol.wa.gov/about/rules](http://dol.wa.gov/about/rules).

The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of W, or excuse me, RCW 43.24.086: fee policy for professions, occupations, and businesses determination by rule. My name is Ellis Starrett, and my title is rules and policy manager. The Department of Licensing has designated me to preside over this hearing. Representatives of the Washington State Department of Licensing are present today if there are questions: Vanessa Simpson, Julie J. Fitt, Parker Teed, Shauna Herron, and Kelsey Stone. The procedure today will be as follows. The department is required to make a record of this hearing by stenographic, mechanical, or electronic means. Therefore, we are audio recording this hearing.

Anyone wishing to testify today who has not already provided their information to me should place their name in the chat or unmute when I ask if there's anyone else wishing to testify. I will ask you to provide your contact information at that time, which will be added to a sign-in sheet. This sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results in the agency's response to comments. You'll be called to testify in the order in which I collect your information. To assist in preparing the record of this public hearing, individuals testifying today should state their name, who they represent if they are testifying on behalf of others, and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules.

The department has received written comments on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments here, please email them to [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov) and we will include them in the formal record. Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now we will hear oral comments from anyone if present. Is there anyone here wishing to testify? Hearing no one, we'll continue. Thank you for your comments. The department will prepare a concise explanatory statement which will, among other things, summarize all the oral and written comments received regarding the proposed rules and respond to them by category or subject matter. Copies of the concise explanatory statement will be forwarded to all those who have made oral or written comments. This hearing is adjourned.