

Transcript of public hearing for changes to WAC 308-56A-275 and WAC 308-93-470

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Kelsey Stone:

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 amending WAC 308-56A-275 and WAC 308-93-470. These proposed rules clarify the certification process and eliminate outdated references to operator numbers. This hearing is being held via Zoom and in person at 1125 Washington Street Southeast, Olympia, Washington. This hearing is taking place at 10:00 AM on November 8th, 2023. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 23-20-131 filed with the code advisor's office on October 4th, 2023. The department posts all of our rulemaking information on dol.wa.gov/about/rulemaking-activity and this is where you can access all rulemaking notices and proposed language for this rulemaking. The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. Oh, we do have somebody in the waiting room.

Kelsey Stone:

Just a second, connected... Hello, Noelani, am I pronouncing your name correctly?

Noelani Derrickson:

You are. Hello.

Kelsey Stone:

Hi. So we've already gotten started with the public hearing. We're just kind of giving a little background information. So I'm going to go ahead and continue reading my hearing script, but we will have options for public testimony in just a little bit.

Noelani Derrickson:

Great.

Kelsey Stone:

This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.01.110 And RCW 88.02.320. My name is Kelsey Stone and my title is Legislative Policy Analyst. The director 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. Stacy Allen, Customer Relations Assistant Administrator, and James Manuel, Tribal and Federal Liaison. 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. For virtual attendees wishing to testify, please provide your name and contact information in the chat or unmute and tell me you would like to testify when I call on your

screen name. For those in the room wishing to testify who have not already noted their desire to testify on the sign-in sheet, please wait for me to ask the room if there is anyone else willing to testify and notify me at that time. I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to the sign-in sheet.

Kelsey Stone:

The sign-in sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results and 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're testifying on behalf of others, and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules. The department has not received written comments on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments, please hand them to me or email them to rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov and we will include them in the formal record in our response to questions. Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now we will hear oral statements from those present. So Noelani, if you have anything, any comments you'd like to make about the proposed rulemaking or questions that you have for us, please feel free to ask.

Noelani Derrickson:

Thank you. Well, my name is Noelani Derrickson. I'm on the policy team at Tesla, and I in fact was only aware of this amendment change and rulemaking process and meeting, or proposed rules and meeting, earlier this morning. So I don't have a ton of background on the intent of the amended changes to have any specific feedback other than this is an area of statute that we've been thinking about and looking at closely, given that it differs from what many other states are currently doing in terms of the vehicle transaction process flow. And who needs to sign, do they need to be in person? When does that happen? How many signatures are needed? So that's something that we've been working with many states on, and so this is an area of statute that we hope to work closer with the Department of Licensing on in the next month, couple months and years, to think through fair solutions to streamline that process. That said, I don't have any specific comments back on the proposed amendments at this point, but happy to follow up on written comments if that's helpful.

Kelsey Stone:

Yeah, we appreciate that. You're welcome to submit any written comments. So I'm going to pop our... Let me see if I can open the chat here real quickly. I'm going to pop the email contact into the chat, where you can send any comments that you have, and we'll be taking those probably until close of business tomorrow. So there's that for you. And then Stacy, would you mind just giving a quick background on the changes that we're making and why?

Stacy Allen:

Sure. So December 2016, DOL switched from one computer system, data system, to a new one. The previous system used an operator number, so it was a piece of the name and the office location number at the end. When we switched to our new system, our drive system, it no longer incorporated an

operator number in the system. So this amendment to these two WACs have to do with removing operator number from the WAC because we no longer use operator numbers. So that's just a basic summary over the amendment.

Kelsey Stone:

Thank you, Stacy. And Noelani, I've just popped in the chat, if you're comfortable sharing your phone number or email contact, that would be super great, just so that we have that for our records. And then if you have a position on the rulemaking, whether that's pro, con, or other, just let us know. And if we need to leave that blank, we can do that as well. And like I said, you're welcome to follow up with any written comments you have or questions. Just send that to the rules coordinator and we'd be happy to get back to you.

Noelani Derrickson:

Understood, yes, I'll plan to follow up, just to think a little bit more about the proposed changes. But Stacy, that was a really helpful overview and it seems extremely reasonable, but we'll plan to follow up on it.

Kelsey Stone:

Awesome. And if more time is needed, you just let us know. We're not in a hurry to get these pushed through to the end. We definitely want to make sure that all of our stakeholders and our constituents understand the changes and why we're making them. So you just let us know what kind of time you need.

Kelsey Stone:

It doesn't look like anybody else has joined us, but I'm going to do one more call for any other comments on the rules.

Kelsey Stone:

So thank you all 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. And with that, this hearing is adjourned. And so I'm going to stop our recording.