Transcript of public hearing for rulemaking activity on WAC 308-56A-210: Ownership in doubt—Bonded title or three-year registration without title

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Kelsey Stone:

All right. We're going to go ahead and get started. James is going to monitor our participant page in case anybody jumps on, we'll go ahead and admit them, but I think it will be just us today. 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 in a new section of Chapter 308 WAC. These proposed rules remove the requirement for DOL to provide the names and addresses of current vehicle owners of record. 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 15th, 2023. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR23-19-100 filed with the Code Revisor's Office on September 20th, 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 signin sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.12.635. 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. James Manuel, Tribal and Federal Liaison, George Price, Driver and Vehicles Records Administrator, Sina Talalemotu, Licensing Services Manager, and Chante Vernie, Driver and Vehicles Records Assistant Administrator. 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 screening. 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. 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 will 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.law.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, and it doesn't look like anybody has joined. Are there any other comments on these rules? Hearing none. We thank you for your comments. The department will pair 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 we still don't have anybody on, so this hearing is adjourned.