Transcript of public hearing for rulemaking activity on Chapter 308-09 WAC

October 30, 2023

Ellis Starrett (00:02):

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 chapter 308-09 WAC, these proposed rules create a definition for the new military spouse coordinator, which aligns with requirements in 2SHB1009 passed during the 2023 legislative session. This hearing is being held via Zoom and in person at 1125 Washington Street, Southeast Olympia, Washington. This hearing is taking place at 9:30 AM on October 30th, 2023. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 23-18-095, filed with the code Revisor's Office on September 6th, 2023. The department posts all of its rulemaking information on DOL.WA.GOV/about/rulemaking-activity. And this is where you can access all rulemaking notices and propose language for this rulemaking. The sign-in sheet, your testimony and any documents you provide are public documents.

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This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 18.340.020, RCW 43.24.130, and RCW 46.01.110. My name is Ellis Starrett and my title is Rules and Policy Manager. 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, Deb Allen-Ba, Boards and Outreach Assistant Administrator, Shawna Herron, Management Analyst 3, and Jason Lenn, military Spouse Engagement Liaison. We have several other staff present as well. 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, excuse me. 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. 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 wishing to testify and notify me at that time.

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I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to the sign-in sheet. This 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 received written comments on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments, please hand them to me or email them to the rules'

coordinator at DOL.WA.GOV, and we will include them in the formal record and our response to questions.

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Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now we will hear oral statements, if any, from those present. Is there anyone here wishing to testify? Hearing no one, the department wants to thank those who have submitted written 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 now adjourned.