



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

Print Form

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 Department of Health

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: \_\_\_\_\_

The rule is needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: \_\_\_\_\_

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

List rule number (WAC), if known: 246-260-031

I am requesting the following change: Please change the barriers requirements at limited use and general use pools to comply with ADA door height laws. A latch handle at 72 inches or 60 inches high is impossible to reach from a seated position in a wheelchair. It should be no higher than 48 inches.

This change is needed because: As a wheelchair dependent person, I am not able to open doors with a latch handle placed above 48 inches. This has been a safety issue for me at LA Fitness using their pool, shower, toilet and locker room facilities.

The effect of this rule change will be: If the only barrier requirement was to have a continuously locked latch or coded latch at ordinary height, this would give equal access to wheelchair dependent people and provide child safety preventing unauthorized entry to a pool area.

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: WAC 246-260-031 causes confusion at limited use and general use pools. The health department says they "technically" meet the code even though they are in clear violation of ADA door handle requirement. This must be changed to have safety for all

**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): \_\_\_\_\_