



## Self-Insurance Proposed Rule filing date extended

### DES anticipates formal start of rulemaking by Aug. 19

The formal start of rulemaking to update rules for nonprofit and local government self-insurance programs (risk pools) has been delayed due to some administrative backlogs outside the control of the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The agency anticipates filing a CR-102 form with the Office of the Code Reviser, which is the formal start of rulemaking, by Aug. 19.

The draft rules now are available on the [DES rulemaking web page](#) under the Self-Insurance section. At this point, the department is looking for any fatal flaws in the draft language. These would need to be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14.

DES will hold a public hearing for each proposed rule in Eastern Washington and another public hearing for each proposed rule in Western Washington. Notice will be sent as soon as the hearings are scheduled.

The 2015 Legislature passed Senate Bill 5119, which creates a new chapter in [Title 48 Revised Code of Washington](#) that separates nonprofit risk pools from local government (municipal) risk pools and allows nonprofit corporations to form self-insurance risk pools with nonprofit corporations from other states.

The updated law triggers the need for rulemaking to align state rules with current law. DES is proposing changes so that there is a rule for local governments and also a rule for nonprofit corporations.

DES held three workshops before the formal start of rulemaking, on July 9, 15 and 22. Learn more about the workshops on the [DES rulemaking web page](#) under the Self-Insurance section.

If you have questions about the rulemaking process, please contact DES Policy and Rules Manager [Jack Zeigler](#) at (360) 407-9209.

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