



DES sets public hearings for proposed self-insurance program (risk pool) rules

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) invites people to attend public hearings in Ellensburg on Oct. 6 and Olympia on Oct. 7 to provide comments on draft rules for nonprofit and local government self-insurance programs (risk pools).

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.

Oct. 6 Eastern Washington hearings

The Oct. 6 hearings will be held in Ellensburg at Central Washington University, 1007 N. Chestnut, Student Union and Recreation Center Room 301.

- **9 a.m. to noon:** Hearing on proposed nonprofit risk pool rules.
- **1 to 4 p.m.:** Hearing on proposed local government risk pool rules.

Oct. 7 Western Washington hearings

The Oct. 7 hearings will be held at the Legislative Building, Sid Snyder Ave. S.W., Columbia Room.

- **9 a.m. to noon:** Hearing on proposed nonprofit risk pool rules.
- **1 to 4 p.m.:** Hearing on proposed local government risk pool rules.

Draft rules

The draft rules are available on the [DES rulemaking web page](#) under the Self-Insurance section.

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

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