



## ***DCU BULLETIN***

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### **Proposed Fee Increase by Fiscal Growth Factor**

The mission of the Division of Credit Unions (DCU) is to supervise state chartered credit unions for safety and soundness, in order to protect members' financial interests. By setting the standards that accomplish this mission, the DCU helps maintain a positive business environment for the credit union movement in Washington State, adding value to the state charter.

Since the Department of Financial Institutions is funded by fees from the regulated entities it serves, the agency does not receive money from the state's general fund. In order to continue to provide quality regulatory services, fees must occasionally be increased, to reflect economic reality. This update is authorized by RCW 31.12.516(6) and RCW 43.320.040. Fees have not been increased since 2001-2002.

The DCU is currently preparing to file updated fee regulations. The CR-101 (Preproposal statement of inquiry) will be published in the Washington State Register in November 2007; a copy of the CR-101 is attached to this Bulletin. In December 2007, we expect to publish a draft of the new fee regulations, and stakeholders and other interested parties are encouraged to provide DCU with their comments about the draft.

The regulatory hearing for the CR-102 (Proposed Rulemaking) is expected to take place in Olympia in late February 2008. The estimated fee increase is 5.38%, the current fiscal year 2009 growth factor. See <http://www.elc.wa.gov> for more information about spending limits. The projected effective date for the fee increase is July 1, 2008, contingent on requirements under Initiative 960.

Rulemaking information is located on our website at: [www.dfi.wa.gov/cu](http://www.dfi.wa.gov/cu). If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Conrad at 360-902-8813 or Linda Jekel at 360-902-8778.



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Dept of Financial Institutions

Subject of possible rule making:

Changes in quarterly asset assessment fees, hourly fees and other fee calculations for state-chartered credit unions

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 31.12.516(6); RCW 43.320.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Rule needed in order to provide for increase in assessment and fee rates, in accordance with the "fiscal growth factor" under RCW 43.135

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Division of Credit Unions of the Department of Financial Institutions is the only state agency responsible for the calculation of state-originated fees for state-chartered credit unions. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a federal agency, may also impose fees on state-chartered credit unions. The NCUA operates separately from the Division of Credit Unions, and will be informed of this rulemaking activity.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Stakeholder consultation

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Interested parties can participate in the rulemaking by attending any hearings on the proposed rule, and by contacting the Division of Credit Unions in writing, including e-mail. Contact:

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