



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services

**Subject of possible rule making:** Amending the rules (chapter 208-620 WAC) under the Consumer Loan Act (chapter 31.04 RCW).

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 43.320.040 and RCW 31.04.165.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The rules must be amended to implement amendments (Sec. 106 of S. 2155, Public Law No. 115-174) to the federal SAFE act (the federal law requiring the licensure of individual mortgage loan originators (MLOs). In addition, the department will consolidate rules relating to MLOs, currently found in both the Consumer Loan Act and the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (chapter 208-660 WAC), into a new chapter to assist licensees in finding and understanding the rules that apply to their licenses. Other amendments may include changes to the rules regulating student education loan servicers to reduce conflict with federal law or rules, and technical changes for clarity and consistency.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau implements a number of federal laws that industry must comply with. The Department of Education implements student education loan servicing of certain federal loans. As Washington law allows and when federal regulations provide adequate consumer protection and guidance to the industry, DFI strives to make state regulations consistent with the federal regulations.

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

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

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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Additional comments:

**Date:** June 21, 2019

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**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. St. Onge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "O".