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PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-14-100.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 296-71 WAC, Refinery worker training and certification in high hazard facilities.

Hearing Location(s): On October 29, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., via Teams at

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/226483453048215?p=yTyuccmUjCJOJ9d5hk> ; or by phone (audio only)

833-322-1218 (Toll-free), Meeting ID 498 138 876#. A prehearing overview will begin at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will start at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until all oral comments are received.

Date of Intended Adoption: December 1, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Kristin Murphy, Administrative Regulations Analyst, Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), Division of Labor Standards, P.O. Box 44510, Olympia, WA 98504-4510, email Kristin.Murphy@Lni.wa.gov , beginning September 23, 2026, 8:00 a.m., by October 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Kristin Murphy, administrative regulations analyst, phone 564-999-0975, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email Kristin.Murphy@Lni.wa.gov , by October 15, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The division of labor standards and the division of occupational safety and health are proposing to amend chapter 296-71 WAC, Refinery worker training and certification in high hazard facilities, in order to implement the requirements of EHB 1173, chapter 210, Laws of 2025.

EHB 1173 amended chapter 49.80 RCW by adding a definition for "applicable occupation," amending the definition for who is considered a "registered apprentice," and adding language regarding the wage payment requirement for a worker in an apprenticeable occupation performing work under this chapter when they don't meet the definition of either a registered apprentice or a skilled journey person.

Proposed rule amendments include:

? Amend the title of chapter 296-71 WAC to "Skilled and trained workforce in high hazard facilities."

? Add a definition for applicable occupation.

- ? Add a definition for prevailing rate of wage.
- ? Amend the definition for registered apprentice to meet the requirements of EHB 1173.
- ? Amend the definition for skilled journey person to meet the requirements of EHB 1173.
- ? Add a definition for worker.
- ? Numerate all definitions for ease in cross-referencing.
- ? Amend the requirements for a skilled and trained workforce to meet the requirements of EHB 1173.
- ? Add a new section related to "determining applicable occupations" under this chapter as required under EHB 1173.
- ? Add a new section related to "notice of apprentice" as required under EHB 1173.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: L&I is required to implement and enforce the requirements of EHB 1173.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 43.22 RCW; RCW 49.17.010 , 49.17.040 , 49.17.050 , 49.17.060 , and 48.80.060 .

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 49.80 RCW.

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