PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 26-14-020

Agency: Public Disclosure Commission

☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR** _____
☐ **Continuance of WSR** _____

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 26-10-055 **; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** _____**; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW** _____**.**

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Providing complaint publication on agency website

Hearing location(s):

Date:	**Time:**	**Location:** (be specific)	**Comment:**
August 27, 2026	9:30 a.m.	Public Disclosure Commission 711 Capitol Way S; Ste. 206 Olympia, WA 98504	Remote access and participation available upon request.

Date of intended adoption: August 27, 2026 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:
Name Public Disclosure Commission
Address 711 Capitol Way S; Ste 206; Olympia, WA 98504
Email pdc@pdc.wa.gov
Fax 360-753-1112
Other
Beginning (date and time) June 19, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
By (date and time) August 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:
Contact Jana Greer
Phone 360-753-1111
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By (date) August 20, 2026.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The proposal would amend the complaint publication process to allow the agency to publish a complaint and response on the agency's website rather than sending them to the news media.

Reasons supporting proposal: Complaint publication allows the executive director to select complaints for publication rather than the enforcement process. Cases selected for publication are not subject to adjudication but requires the executive director to send complaints and any response to the "news media."

The news media requirement does not align with current agency communication practices. The agency website is the more appropriate forum for case publications. The website is the main source of agency communication and interaction with the public. All cases are published on website, which is where the public and media search for complaints and case information. While the agency does occasionally issue press releases, it generally does not promote or otherwise announce complaint filings. In addition, the types of cases selected for complaint publication are not typically impactful or otherwise of broad public interest, making them less appropriate for specific outreach to media outlets. Allowing case publication through the agency website will synchronize the process within current agency practices.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 29B.20.030

Statute being implemented: RCW 29B.20.030 & 29B.60.030

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Federal Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No
State Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Public Disclosure Commission
Type of proponent: ☐ Private. ☐ Public. ☒ Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

	Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting	Sean Flynn	Public Disclosure Commission (above)	360-753-1111
Implementation	Kim Bradford	Same	Same
Enforcement	Kim Bradford	Same	Same

Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:
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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
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☒ No: Please explain: Does not meet the criteria under RCW 34.05.328(4).

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement
Note: The Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (ORIA) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:
This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). For additional information on exemptions, consult the exemption guide published by ORIA. Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.
Citation and description:

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

- ☐ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b) (Internal government operations)
- ☐ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference)
- ☐ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language)
- ☒ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e) (Dictated by statute)
- ☐ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees)
- ☐ RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g) ((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4). (Does not affect small businesses).

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. *(Skip section 3.)* Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. *(Complete section 3.)* The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using this template from ORIA):

☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. *(Complete section 3.)* No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. _____

☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name
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Date: June 17, 2026	**Signature:**
Name: Sean Flynn	
Title: General Counsel	