EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

CR-105 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)

Agency: Agriculture

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Chapter 16-532 WAC, Washington Hop Commission

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: In response to a petition for rule making, the Department is proposing to clarify current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

Reasons supporting proposal: RCW 43.01.160 requires state agencies to use gender-neutral terms in rules unless a specification of gender is intended. Replacing gender-specific terminology supports the Department's commitment to integrate inclusive policies and procedures.

Gender-inclusive pronouns are pronouns that are not specifically gendered and can be utilized when referring to each other in the third person. They are linguistic tools that we use to refer to people. Using gender-neutral pronouns can help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment and show respect for people's gender identities.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 43.23.025

Statute being implemented: Chapter 15.65 RCW

Is rule necessary because of a:

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

If yes, CITATION:

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Hop Commission

☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:

☐ Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;

☐ Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;

☒ Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;

☐ Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;

☐ Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or

☐ Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:

☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;

☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;

☐ The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or

☐ Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4): Expedited process is appropriate due to it being name changes and no impact to rule effects.

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Date: September 30, 2024

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Title: Director

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