

AGENCY RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY

During 2017, state agencies filed over 15,500 pages of administrative rules with the office of the code reviser under chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act. Table 1 summarizes this activity and compares it with the volume for past years.

TABLE 1

| | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Emergency rules | 280 | 323 | 382 | 458 | 505 | 467 | 478 | 478 | 474 | 432 | 431 | 421 | 393 | 351 | 380 | 349 | 291 | 282 | 290 | 309 | (filings) |
| | 1152 | 1172 | 1193 | 1278 | 1592 | 1359 | 1281 | 1188 | 1458 | 1662 | 1353 | 1711 | 1233 | 1025 | 1427 | 1547 | 1298 | 1424 | 1097 | 1168 | (pages) |
| Proposed rules | 486 | 576 | 645 | 653 | 736 | 705 | 743 | 751 | 724 | 776 | 894 | 869 | 1039 | 876 | 944 | 1041 | 844 | 619 | 648 | 605 | (filings) |
| | 2852 | 2994 | 3807 | 3709 | 3407 | 4212 | 3187 | 3907 | 3715 | 4386 | 4811 | 5019 | 5474 | 5819 | 5790 | 7958 | 8361 | 5602 | 5961 | 5953 | (pages) |
| Adopted rules | 396 | 450 | 471 | 506 | 543 | 553 | 546 | 562 | 562 | 555 | 690 | 581 | 778 | 736 | 740 | 741 | 676 | 545 | 555 | 486 | (filings) |
| | 2653 | 2383 | 3083 | 3135 | 3135 | 3237 | 2997 | 2745 | 3806 | 3643 | 4021 | 3765 | 4272 | 5354 | 5440 | 6279 | 6822 | 5585 | 5343 | 4168 | (pages) |
| Totals | 1162 | 1349 | 1498 | 1617 | 1784 | 1725 | 1767 | 1791 | 1760 | 1763 | 2015 | 1871 | 2210 | 1963 | 2064 | 2131 | 1811 | 1446 | 1493 | 1400 | (filings) |
| | 6657 | 6549 | 8083 | 8122 | 8134 | 8808 | 7465 | 7840 | 8979 | 9691 | 10185 | 10495 | 10979 | 12198 | 12657 | 15784 | 16481 | 12611 | 12401 | 11289 | (pages) |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | |
| Emergency rules | 298 | 280 | 319 | 355 | 401 | 405 | 442 | 427 | 376 | 403 | 405 | 401 | 459 | 516 | 393 | 383 | 458 | 544 | 447 | 510 | (filings) |
| | 1110 | 1210 | 1167 | 1104 | 1561 | 1757 | 2051 | 1838 | 1253 | 1740 | 1451 | 1755 | 2394 | 2746 | 2398 | 1676 | 1935 | 2182 | 2063 | 2067 | (pages) |
| Proposed rules | 605 | 609 | 646 | 585 | 556 | 632 | 716 | 745 | 683 | 636 | 650 | 587 | 663 | 452 | 454 | 429 | 482 | 489 | 545 | 475 | (filings) |
| | 7424 | 7106 | 9162 | 6132 | 5722 | 7240 | 8329 | 7398 | 7257 | 7193 | 6926 | 6741 | 7876 | 5313 | 6829 | 5574 | 6201 | 6580 | 6913 | 6925 | (pages) |
| Adopted rules | 634 | 638 | 648 | 571 | 587 | 536 | 590 | 690 | 560 | 594 | 566 | 545 | 589 | 375 | 430 | 430 | 504 | 502 | 546 | 502 | (filings) |
| | 7109 | 6615 | 7132 | 7751 | 6088 | 6180 | 6890 | 7448 | 6360 | 7228 | 6010 | 6102 | 6695 | 5099 | 5511 | 6269 | 5786 | 6965 | 7075 | 6517 | (pages) |
| Totals | 1537 | 1527 | 1613 | 1511 | 1544 | 1573 | 1748 | 1862 | 1619 | 1633 | 1621 | 1533 | 1711 | 1343 | 1277 | 1242 | 1444 | 1535 | 1538 | 1487 | (filings) |
| | 15643 | 14931 | 17461 | 14987 | 13371 | 15177 | 17270 | 16684 | 14870 | 16161 | 14387 | 14598 | 16965 | 13158 | 14738 | 13519 | 13922 | 15727 | 16051 | 15509 | (pages) |

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Table 2 summarizes permanent agency action by WAC sections, units that can be compared to RCW sections in approximate length.

TABLE 2
Number of WAC Sections Permanently Affected by Agency Action

| | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Amend existing | 1656 | 1965 | 1617 | 1972 | 2056 | 1859 | 2095 | 2037 | 2402 | 3699 | 2316 | 1978 | 2321 | 1970 | 1899 | 1573 | 3081 | 2747 |
| Adopt new | 2157 | 1904 | 2391 | 1219 | 1649 | 1534 | 1850 | 1557 | 4359 | 2093 | 2455 | 2586 | 2011 | 1380 | 2469 | 1262 | 1870 | 2097 |
| Repeal existing | 1522 | 1090 | 1348 | 608 | 961 | 852 | 1092 | 1149 | 3237 | 1669 | 958 | 1810 | 1131 | 1168 | 2392 | 1878 | 2688 | 2206 |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Amend existing | 2990 | 1973 | 2109 | 2005 | 2792 | 2305 | 2262 | 2585 | 2463 | 2217 | 2609 | 2692 | 2116 | 2223 | 2627 | 3484 | 3148 | 2937 |
| Adopt new | 2601 | 3010 | 1859 | 1925 | 2664 | 2441 | 2780 | 2464 | 1572 | 1217 | 1438 | 1410 | 1129 | 1808 | 1372 | 971 | 1074 | 1052 |
| Repeal existing | 2621 | 1914 | 1222 | 1176 | 1368 | 2241 | 2038 | 1705 | 1054 | 636 | 1144 | 1833 | 867 | 647 | 1380 | 850 | 696 | 846 |