

## Concise Explanatory Statement

**Reasons for Adopting the Rule:** The purpose of this amendment is to accommodate the new CR forms and the methods used to complete the forms. In the past, we have asked agencies to add attachments on separate pages so the CR forms stay on the same page. This will no longer be necessary. The office of the code reviser is in the process of revamping the CR forms to incorporate changes requested by the governor's office, state agencies, and the public. Some of these changes to the forms include, but are not limited to:

- Moving the area for the official stamp to be affixed to the top right of the forms. This is being done to allow areas in the form to expand to include all the information to answer each question, with no attachments necessary.
- Adding a Regulatory Fairness Act cost consideration exemption check list.
- Adding an area for the agency to briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated where the proposal is not exempt but it does not impose more-than-minor costs on businesses.
- Adding a checklist for the criteria being used for an agency using the expedited process and the reason for using that process.

WAC 1-21-040 states "The office of the code reviser's filing forms are **not** included in this page count, but all other material submitted for filing is counted for purposes of this section, excluding federal rules that are not published in the Washington State Register." Since the forms will now expand to allow for no attachments being needed, we need to include the forms in the page count.

**Differences Between the Text of the Proposed Rule as Published and the Text of the Rule Adopted and the Reasons for the Differences:** After discussion with several agencies, we have increased the page count from twelve to fourteen and thirty-two to thirty-four. By doing this, there is less burden on the agencies using the forms.

**Summary of Comments:** None received specifically for this expedited process, but took into account some of the comments we received when revamping the CR forms.