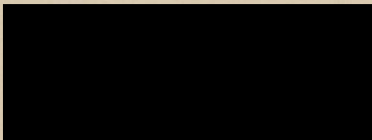




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RE: Your Correspondence to the Attorney General's Office

Dear 

On behalf of Attorney General Bob Ferguson, thank you for your recent correspondence. I am the Senior Assistant Attorney General who heads the Corrections Division, and I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

You write "to express concern over the Attorney General revisions to WAC section 137, pertaining to the Department of Corrections." You also seek an explanation of the revisions and that the Attorney General's Office conduct an assessment of the policy decisions underlying WAC 137.

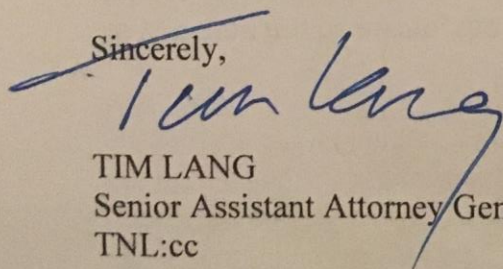
As you may not be aware, the Attorney General's Office does not engage in rulemaking for other state agencies. Each agency, when authorized by statute, promulgates (or revises) its own rules. The Department of Corrections is the agency specifically responsible for WAC 137. Although our client agencies will sometimes ask for legal advice concerning rules they are considering promulgating, or about the rulemaking process generally, the Attorney General's Office does not make rules for other agencies.

For information about rulemaking at the Department of Corrections, you may access that agency's public website (doc.wa.gov). At the bottom of the home page, you will find a link to a page entitled "Rulemaking at the DOC." Once you get to the rulemaking page, you will find information about the rulemaking process, past and current rulemaking, and how the public may participate in the process.

With respect to your request for information about the policy considerations underlying DOC's administrative rules, I suggest you contact the Department. Our office serves as legal counsel to state agencies; policy determinations are not within our role.

Thank you for contacting the Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,



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