Agency: Employment Security Department

Effective date of rule:
- Permanent Rules
  - ☒ 31 days after filing.
  - ☐ Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
- ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The Employment Security Department (ESD) is responsible for implementing the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program in accordance with Title 50A RCW. Rulemaking will be done in several distinct phases. In phase 2, ESD is establishing rules on: (1) Employer Responsibilities; (2) Small business assistance; and (3) penalties. This rulemaking also includes some aspects of voluntary plans.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 192-530-060
- Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 50A.04.215

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
- Adopted under notice filed as WSR 18-17-116 on August 16, 2018 (date).
- Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

In WAC 192-500-030(1)(a), the word “means” was changed to “mean.” The change is meant to resolve an accidental typographical error.

In WAC 192-510-066(2)(a), the words “Current quarter balance” were changed to “Most recently completed quarter’s premium balance.” This change is necessary to clarify that the payment is applied to the quarterly principle rather than to any interest or fees that may have been incurred.

WAC 192-540-030(1)(c) was stricken due to stakeholder feedback indicating that this requirement would result in an overly burdensome imposition to employers.

WAC 192-540-030(1)(d) was stricken due to stakeholder feedback indicating that this requirement would result in an overly burdensome imposition to employers.

WAC 192-540-030(1)(e) was stricken due to stakeholder feedback indicating that this requirement would result in an overly burdensome imposition to employers.

In WAC 192-540-030(1)(f), which is now WAC 192-540-030(1)(c), the words “and the associated hours” were added. This change incorporated WAC 192-540-(1)(g) and clarifies that all hours for which wages were paid in a quarter should be reported for that quarter.
WAC 192-540-030(1)(g) was stricken and its contents added to another subsection for conciseness.

In WAC 192-540-040(2), the phrase “full-time” was removed for conciseness.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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Date Adopted: 11-2-18

Signature:

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