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Title:	Title Proposed Chapter 180-19 WAC, Charter Schools	
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Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the proposed timelines for provide reasonable and sufficient time for both districts and SBE to complete their work in a way consistent with the intent of quality authorizing? 2. Do the proposed timelines, by extension, enable decisions on charter applications on a schedule conducive to the start-up of quality charter schools? 3. Are the required components of an authorizer application both clear and appropriate? 4. Are the proposed criteria for evaluation of authorizer applications appropriate? 	
Possible Board Action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Materials Included in Packet:	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graphs / Graphics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third-Party Materials <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint	
Synopsis:	<p>SBE will receive public testimony on proposed rules to RCW 28A.710.090 (Charter School Authorizers – Approval Process). This provision of the law approved as Initiative 1240 in fall 2012 requires the SBE to establish an annual application and approval process and timelines for school districts seeking approval to be charter school authorizers. The initial process and timelines be established no later than 90 days after December 6, 2012, which is March 6, 2103.</p> <p>As reviewed by the SBE in January, the proposed rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set an initial timeline for submission of authorizer applications by school districts to the SBE, and for SBE decisions on the applications. • Clarify and supplement the required components of an authorizer application. • Establish a process and criteria for SBE decisions on authorizer applications. • Clarify terms of the authorizing contract between the approved school district and SBE. <p>A draft amendment, prepared in response to public comment and member review, makes the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a temporary timeline for charter authorizer approvals in 2013 only, and an ongoing timeline for charter authorizer approvals taking place after 2013. • Provides that the SBE shall post authorizer applications on its web site. • Provides that the SBE may require a personal interview with district personnel to review an authorizer application. • Makes various clarifications, technical changes and corrections. • Replaces references to Initiative 1240 with references to codified law. <p>In your packet you will find (1) RCW 28A.710.090, (2) The proposed rules (180-19 WAC) as published in the State Register; (3) The CR 102 for the proposed rules; (4) The OSPI fiscal impact statement on the proposed rules; (5) A proposed draft amendment to the rules; (6) A table summarizing the changes made by the draft amendment; (7) A table summarizing the changes made to timelines by the draft amendment.</p>	

