



CR 101 Memorandum Regarding Medical Cannabis Endorsements

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Background

On January 31, 2023, John Kingsbury submitted a petition for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a state administrative rule to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (Board). The petition requested that the Board amend [WAC 314-55-020](#) and [WAC 314-55-080](#) to create a mechanism to rescind medical cannabis endorsements for cannabis retailers that do not meet the regulatory requirements.

On March 29, 2023, the Board accepted the petition. Consistent with RCW 34.05.330(1)(b), the Board agreed to initiate the rulemaking process and begin collaboratively engaging with stakeholders and any interested members of the public to explore the possibility of amending the rules related to medical cannabis endorsements and update the language, as necessary, to create a voluntary surrender mechanism for medical cannabis endorsements.

Reasons Why Rulemaking Is Needed

Rulemaking is needed to amend WAC 314-55-020 and WAC 314-55-080 and potentially create new rule sections, amend, and repeal existing rule sections in Title 314 WAC or both to update requirements for cannabis retailers to maintain medical cannabis endorsements and create a voluntary surrender mechanism.

Process

The rulemaking process begins by announcing the Board's intent to consider changes to existing rules, add new rule sections, or both by filing a pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) form with the Office of the Code Reviser. This allows staff, stakeholders, industry partners, and all members of the authorizing environment to begin discussing possible rule changes.

At the CR 101 stage of the rulemaking process, no proposed language is offered. Any interested person may comment on this possible rulemaking during the designated comment period. Notice will be sent to all who have indicated that they want to receive notice of rule activity related to this pre-proposal statement

of inquiry. The notice will identify the public comment period and where comments can be sent.