



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Print Form

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

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COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClis.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Klickitat County

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: _____

The rule is needed because: _____

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: _____

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: WAC 314-55-570(4)(d)

I am requesting the following change: for social equity license holders to have the option to relocate

This change is needed because: social equity license holders are struggling to find locations (see attachment)

The effect of this rule change will be: to allow social equity license holders to be able to open their stores.

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____

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Washington Cannabis Liquor & Cannabis Board
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Dear WCLB,

I am writing this letter to you in hopes to influence some changes to the current social equity program. I am a social equity license holder from the most recent round of licenses awarded. Most of the license holders from this round are unable to find locations due to local restrictions, zoning, prohibitions and moratoriums, 92% in fact. After a year in the process, these numbers are staggering.

Because of these road blocks, only 2 out of 46 licenses have locations at this time. I chose Klickitat county on my application. That county has an indefinite prohibition on any new cannabis retail stores. I have exhausted my efforts in that county and am unable to proceed any further at this time with trying to open a cannabis store in this area. I struggle today with wondering why the WCLB would be issuing licenses for counties that they know are not allowing more stores to open?

Many of the issues being faced are due to existing cannabis retail stores as well as many counties have placed prohibition on new retail stores or have reached their maximum number of retail locations allowed. Current ownership of cannabis retail licenses in Washington state is 90% white / caucasian. Please tell me where the social equity lies in the program at this time?

The main page of the WCLB states:

Cannabis Social Equity Program

The Cannabis Social Equity Program, established by Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 2870 in 2020, serves **to reduce barriers and promote equity and participation** in Washington State's adult-use cannabis market by those most adversely impacted by the War on Drugs.

In 2023, the legislature passed Senate Bill 5080, which made changes to the program and increased available retail licenses, as well as expanding the Social Equity in Cannabis program to include a limited number of producer and processor licenses.

The LCB's Social Equity Goals are to:

1. Increase the number of cannabis retailer, producer, and processor licenses held by applicants most harmed by the war on drugs; and
2. Reduce the accumulated harm suffered by individuals, families, and local areas subject to severe impacts from the historical application and enforcement of cannabis prohibition laws.

By Washington State Cannabis License Board definition, myself and 45 other recipients met all the requirements to receive the social equity retail license as we represent the most adversely affected by the war on drugs. Goal #1 states the WCLB goal is to increase the number of retailer licenses. Why does this goal not include ensuring we are able to put these licenses to use? Social equity is not just simply "awarding" these licenses. Social equity is giving us the tools, pathways and opportunities to foster economic growth and create pathways out of poverty for those of us most adversely affected by the war on drugs. After hours, weeks, and months of endless research, dead end contacts made, countless phone calls, sleepless nights and frustration beyond belief we are proposing a rule change to once again untie our hands. We are asking that the highlighted areas above, found on the WCLB website be afforded to us, as the name of the social equity program suggests.

We are asking for the following changes:

***all social equity retail licenses in Washington to be mobile ie; be able to move counties if restrictions, zoning, prohibition prohibits the licensee from successfully opening a location**

***social equity licenses be given preferential treatment and / or afforded all the amenities "grandfathered" to the existing license holders.**

If the true goal of this program is to promote social equity, then it is both a moral and practical obligation to rectify the disparities that currently exist in the cannabis retail location ownership in Washington State.

Thank you for considering these important issues. I look forward to seeing our State take meaningful action towards social equity in the cannabis industry.

Sincerely,

David Rose