



Washington State
Liquor and Cannabis Board

Date: July 17, 2024

To: David Postman, Board Chair
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Jim Vollendroff, Board Member

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Subject: **Approval to file a pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) to consider amending sections of chapter 314-55 WAC to implement HB 1859, 2SHB 2151, and portions of HB 2052 and related legislation for the transfer of authority for accreditation of cannabis testing laboratories**

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (Board) is considering rulemaking to amend sections of chapter 314-55 WAC to implement portions of 2SHB 2151 (chapter 69, Laws of 2024), as well as portions of HB 2052 (chapter 277, Laws of 2019) and HB 1859 (chapter 135, Laws of 2022), related to the transfer of the authority and administration of cannabis testing laboratory accreditation to the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Process

The Rules Coordinator requests approval to file the pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) for the rule making described above. A CR 101 Memorandum was presented at the Board meeting on July 17, 2024, and is attached to this order.

If approved for filing, the **tentative timeline** for the rule making process is outlined below:

July 17, 2024	Board is asked to approve filing pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101). CR 101 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated by GovDelivery distribution list. Informal comment period begins.
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August 7, 2024	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR 24-15.
August 16, 2024	Informal comment period ends
September 25, 2024	Board is asked to approve filing proposed rules (CR 102). CR 102 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated by the rules distribution list. Formal comment period begins.
October 16, 2024	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR 24-20.
November 6, 2024	Public hearing is held and formal comment period ends.
November 20, 2024	Board is asked to adopt rules if no substantive changes are made (CR 103). Concise Explanatory Statement is provided to individuals offering written or oral comment at the public hearing or during the formal comment period, consistent with RCW 34.05.325. CR 103 and adopted rules are filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated by GovDelivery distribution list.
December 21, 2024	Rules are effective 31 days after filing unless otherwise specified. See RCW 34.05.380(2).

_____ Approve	_____ Disapprove	_____ David Postman, Chair	_____ Date
_____ Approve	_____ Disapprove	_____ Ollie Garrett, Board Member	_____ Date
_____ Approve	_____ Disapprove	_____ Jim Vollendroff, Board Member	_____ Date

Attachments: CR 101 Memorandum