



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis board

Subject of possible rule making: The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) is considering rules to establish laboratory proficiency testing requirements and addressing the suspension and revocation of laboratory certifications.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 69.50.342 and 69.50.345

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Emergency rules are needed to protect consumer safety through ensuring laboratories employ appropriate testing methodologies and achieve accurate testing results for marijuana. Creating proficiency testing requirements to achieve and maintain certification and parameters for laboratories will promote accuracy and accountability in marijuana testing by certified laboratories. Additionally, current permanent rules provide how a laboratory may be certified by the WSLCB, but do not contain provisions on what a laboratory must do to remain certified or how the WSLCB may suspend or revoke the certification of a laboratory. WSLCB needs rules to suspend or revoke the certification of a laboratory that does not follow rule requirements for testing or for those laboratories that do not consistently achieve accurate testing results.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study

Other (describe) Interested parties can participate in the discussions formulating this rule change by contacting or sending written comments to the agency staff listed below.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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