



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 314-02-045. The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is considering amending WAC 314-02-045 and any other sections of Title 314 WAC as may be necessary to reduce the amount of time a beer and/or wine restaurant licensee must be open to the public to maintain their license.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 66.08.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In December 2024, the LCB accepted a petition for rulemaking from a member of the public requesting to amend WAC 314-02-045 to reduce the required number of days per week a beer and/or wine restaurant license must be open to the public to maintain their license. Currently, WAC 314-02-025(2)(b) requires these licensees be open to the public at least five hours a day, three days per week.

A number of beer and wine restaurant licensees experience wide seasonal variations in the number of customers they serve throughout the year due seasonal fluctuations in the number of visitors to their area. Reducing the current requirement that a licensee must be open for business for at least three days per week would be beneficial to small businesses and would give these licensees more control of their business hours to save resources during slower seasons of the year.

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) Collaborative rule making.


Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested persons can participate in the rule process through open public meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to sign up for the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/subscriber/new>. Rulemaking notices and stakeholder engagement opportunities will be emailed via GovDelivery and posted to the LCB website at lcb.wa.gov.

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