

CR 101 Memorandum

Implementation of Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1515 on Expanded Outdoor Alcohol Service

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Background

During the 2025 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed <u>2SHB 1515</u>, expanding permissible outdoor alcohol service in a variety of ways. One of the stated purposes of this legislation is to allow for increased alcohol service in certain outdoor areas during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Some of these outdoor areas include designated fan zones or host cities.

Reasons Why Rulemaking Is Needed

Amendments to, or repeal of, existing rules, as well as creating new rules, may be necessary to implement 2SHB 1515 which expands permissible outdoor alcohol service in a variety of ways.

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.