

2025 Semi-Annual Rule Development Agenda

July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

The Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board (LCB) prepares a semi-annual rulemaking agenda in January and July of each year to inform the public of expected upcoming rule changes. Pursuant to the Washington State Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05.314), the agenda is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. This report details current and anticipated rulemaking activities for LCB. This agenda is for informational purposes and the noted dates of anticipated rulemaking actions are estimates. There may be additional rulemaking activities not anticipated at this time, such as to implement new state laws, meet federal requirements, or other circumstances.

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KEY

APA: Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05)

CR: "Code Reviser" on the rulemaking forms, which are produced by the Office of the Code Reviser for use by all state agencies.

CR-101: Preproposal Statement of Inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed Rule Making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule Making Order permanently adopting a rule and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited Rule Making notice filed under RCW 34.05.353

RCW: Revised Code of Washington **WAC**: Washington Administrative Code

WSR: Washington State Register official filing reference number given by the Office of the Code Reviser when a notice is filed.

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Alcohol Rulemaking

WAC Section(s)	Title	Description	Preproposal Notice (CR- 101) Filing Date and WSR	Proposed Rule (CR-102) Filing Date and WSR #	Permanent Rule (CR-103) Filing Date and WSR #	Effective Date	Agency Contact
WAC 314-02-140	Retail Product Placement	Rulemaking to amend existing rules regarding the placement of alcohol products in retail spaces, balancing commercial interests with public health and safety concerns. Rulemaking may address cross-over alcohol products, placement of minibottles and alcohol product placement generally.	1/15/25 WSR 25-03-079	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	1/1/26	Daniel Jacobs Daniel.jacobs@lcb.wa.gov Kevin Walder Kevin.walder@lcb.wa.gov
WAC 314-02-045	Seasonal Hours	Responding to December 2024 petition to reduce the minimum number of days per week that a beer and/or wine restaurant licensee must be open to the public from three days per week to two days per week.to assist businesses in areas with significant seasonal fluctuation in tourism.	4/23/25 WSR 25-09-169	6/18/25 WSR 25-13-116	9/17/25 WSR 25-19	10/18/25	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov
Title 314 WAC	Implementation of 2SHB 1515 – Expanded Outdoor Alcohol Service, Civic Campuses, and Fan Zones	Rulemaking necessary to amend and create rules to align with provisions of Second Substitute House Bill 1515, which expands permissible alcohol service for localities and licensees in a variety of ways, including new authorizations for "fan zones" during June and July of 2026.	5/7/25 WSR 25-10-103	Summer/Fall 2025	Fall 2025	1/1/26	Daniel Jacobs Daniel.jacobs@lcb.wa.gov Kevin Walder Kevin.walder@lcb.wa.gov
Chapter 314-02-WAC	Implementation of EHB 1602 – Addressing food service options for liquor licensees	Rulemaking necessary to amend rules to align with provisions of Engrossed House Bill 1602, allowing beer/wine and beer/wine/spirits restaurants to subcontract food service to satisfy licensing requirements.	9/17/25 WSR 25-19	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	1/1/26	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov

Title 314 WAC	Implementation of HB 1636, HB 1698, and 2SSB 5796	Rulemaking necessary to amend, create, and repeal rules to align with House Bill 1636 – Eliminating the per transaction fee limit for wine and spirit sales, House Bill 1698 – Updating liquor permit and licensing provisions, and Second Substitute Senate Bill 5796, Increasing license, permit, and endorsement fees	N/A	***CR-105 – Expedited Rulemaking*** 9/17/25	Fall 2025	1/1/26	Kevin Walder Kevin.walder@lcb.wa.gov
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Cannabis Rulemaking

WAC Section(s)	Title	Description	Preproposal Notice (CR-101) Filing Date and WSR #	Proposed Rule (CR-102) Filing Date and WSR #	Permanent Rule (CR- 103) Filing Date and WSR #	Effective Date	Agency Contact
WAC 314-55-155	Implementation of ESB 5206- Concerning Cannabis Retailer Advertising	Rulemaking necessary to align current WAC with statutory changes under Engrossed Senate Bill 5403 - Concerning cannabis retailer advertising. Previously paused rulemaking project targeting the same concerns will be resumed to implement statutory changes.	8/31/22 WSR 22-18-057	Fall 2025	Fall/Winter 2025	1/1/26	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov
WAC 314-55-050(2)	Cannabis License Distance Measuring	Rulemaking to consider amending WAC 314-55-050(2) to redefine how distance is measured from licensed cannabis premises to restricted entities such as schools to comply with the 1,000 feet requirement under RCW 69.50.331.	6/4/25 WSR 25-12-113	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Fall 205	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
WAC 314-55-083(4)(f)	Cannabis Batch Tracking	Responding to October 2023 petition requesting updates to WAC to allow cannabis plants larger than eight inches of the same strain and growth stage to	6/4/25 WSR 21-12-115	Winter 2025/2026	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov

		be tracked in a batch rather than individually.					
WAC 314-55-079	Implementation of ESSB 5403 – Cannabis License Management Agreements	Rulemaking necessary to align current rules with statutory changes under Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5403 - Limiting financial interest agreements for licensed cannabis retailers.	7/23/25 WSR 25-15	Fall 2025	Winter 2025/2026	Winter/Spring 2026	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
Chapter 314-55-WAC	R&D Testing, Definitions, and Traceability Requirements	Responding May 2025 petition requesting that Board update definitions and other applicable components of current rule to provide clarity regarding traceability requirements for cannabis and cannabis products used for research and development purposes	8/6/25 WSR 25-16	Fall 2025/Winter 2025	Winter 2025/2026	Winter/Spring 2026	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov

General Rulemaking – All Industries

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WAC 314-01-005 WAC 314-11-025 WAC 314-17-025 WAC 314-17-110	Acceptable Forms of Identification	Responding to two petitions for rulemaking submitted in 2023 to 1) add Global Entry ID cards to the acceptable forms of ID in WAC 314-11-025 and 2) remove references to repealed statute RCW 66.16.040 from several rules (314-01-005; 314-17-025 and 314-17-110)	10/9/24 WSR 24-21-049	6/4/25 WSR 25-12- 117	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov