



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Subject of possible rule making: Title 314 WAC. The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (Board) is considering repealing, amending, and creating rule sections in chapter 314-55 WAC as necessary to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5403 (chapter 250, Laws of 2025) related to financial interest and management agreements for cannabis retail licensees.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 69.50.325; RCW 69.50.342; RCW 69.50.345

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Amendments to and repeal of existing rules, as well as the creation of new rules in chapter 314-55 WAC may be necessary to implement ESSB 5403 related to financial interest and management agreements for cannabis retail licensees.

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 Rulemaking. Board staff will hold public stakeholder meetings to discuss rule changes being considered and solicit feedback prior to filing a rule proposal. Interested parties will then have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules during a subsequent public comment period and may present oral testimony at a public hearing announced with the publication of the rule proposal.

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: Anyone who is interested in this rulemaking effort is 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

Date: July 17, 2025

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