



Washington State  
**Liquor and Cannabis Board**

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**Date:** November 8, 2023

**To:** David Postman, Board Chair  
Ollie Garrett, Board Member  
Jim Vollendroff, Board Member

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**Subject:** **Approval to file a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) regarding implementation of Engrossed Senate Substitute Bill (E2SSB) 5080 (chapter 220, Laws of 2023) regarding various provisions of the Social Equity in Cannabis Program**

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (Board) is considering rulemaking to implement Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5080 (chapter 220, Laws of 2023) enacted during the 2023 legislative session related to various provisions of the Social Equity Program. As part of this rulemaking, the Board is considering new, and amending or repealing existing rule throughout chapter 314-55 WAC as necessary to implement E2SSB 5080.


**Process**


The Policy and Rules Manager requests approval to file the preproposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) for the rule making described in the CR 101 Memorandum attached to this order and presented at the Board meeting on November 8, 2023.


If approved for filing, the **tentative timeline** for the rule making process is outlined below:

November 8, 2023	Board is asked to approve filing preproposal statement of inquiry (CR 101). CR 101 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated by GovDelivery distribution list. Informal comment period begins.
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December 6, 2023	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR 23-23-xxx and informal public comment period begins.
February 4, 2024	Informal comment period ends (60 days).
April 10, 2024	Board is asked to approve filing proposed rules (CR 102). CR 102 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated to the rules distribution list.
May 1, 2024	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR 24-09. Formal public comment period begins.
May 22, 2024	Public hearing is held, and formal comment period ends.
June 5, 2024	Board is asked to adopt rules if no substantive changes are made (CR 103). Concise Explanatory Statement is provided to individuals offering written or oral comment at the public hearing or during the formal comment period, consistent with RCW 34.05.325. CR 103 and adopted rules are filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Webpage is updated and notice circulated by GovDelivery distribution list.
July 21, 2024	Rules are effective 31 days after filing unless otherwise specified. See RCW 34.05.380(2).

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Attachment: CR 101 Memorandum.