

PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Zip Code 98502

In accordance with <u>RCW 34.05.330</u>, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05</u>.

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INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board

2. AMEND RULE- I am requesting the agency change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known:

WAC 314-55-015

I am requesting the following change:

Create an exemption to the prohibition of minors being present on premises of licensed cannabis producers/processors for employees of contractors engaged in construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, work etc. provided the person is over the age of 16 and not engaging in any work related directly to the production, processing, or sales of cannabis.

This change is needed because:

- 1. RCW does not prohibit persons under twenty-one to enter or remain on the licensed premises of a producer or processor.
- 2. Most crews engaged in construction related activities employ one or more young persons to support and learn from more experienced trades persons.
- 3. The prohibition on all minors presence on premises creates additional, unnecessary hardship for small independent businesses and family owned contractors and construction companies.

The effect of this rule change will be:

To allow employees under the age of 21 of contractors engaged in construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, work etc. the ability to be present on the premises of licensed cannabis producers and processors provided the person is over the age of 16 and not engaging in any work related directly to the production, processing, or sales of cannabis.