THC Bill (E2SSB 5367) Stakeholder Engagement: Collaborative Rulemaking Discussion December 15, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Scope of the Rulemaking

Amend the rules (WAC 314-55) as necessary to implement the provisions of engrossed second substitute bill 5367, concerning the regulation of products containing THC.

Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Goal

Discuss and get input on the topics below keeping in mind factors such as benefits, costs, direct and indirect impacts, laboratory and/or testing considerations, and possible unintended consequences.

Discussion Topics

- 1. Amended definition of "THC concentration"
 - Statutory change: E2SSB 5367 expands the definition of "THC concentration" to include forms of THC, not only delta-9 THC. RCW 69.50.101
 - Topics for consideration:
 - 1. What cannabinoids should be included in potency testing?
 - How to define and calculate "active THC;" and
 - How to define and calculate "total THC."
 - 2. How should potency be reported by labs?
 - 3. How should potency be labeled on a cannabis product package?

2. Amended definition of "cannabis products"

- Statutory change: E2SSB 5367 amended definition of "cannabis product" to include products that contain, "any detectable amount of THC." RCW 69.50.101
- o Topics for consideration:
 - 1. How to define "detectable amount of THC" or "detectable level."

3. Prohibition on the use of synthetic cannabinoids

- Statutory changes:
 - 1. E2SSB 5367 amended RCW 69.50.326 to explicitly prohibit CBD products containing a "synthetic cannabinoid" to be used as an additive to cannabis products for the purpose of enhancing its cannabidiol concentration.

2. E2SSB 5367 created a new section RCW 69.50.3251 that explicitly prohibits the producing, processing, manufacturing, or sale of any synthetically derived, or completely synthetic, cannabinoid is prohibited.

Topics for discussion

1. How to define "synthetically derived cannabinoid," or "completely synthetic cannabinoid."

4. New definitions for "package" and "unit"

- Statutory change: E2SSB 5367 created definitions for "package" and "unit." (RCW.69.50.101)
- o Topics for consideration:
 - 1. What implications does replacing "container" with "package" throughout the rule have?
 - Would licensees be required to change the way they are currently packaging and labeling cannabis products.
 - Would the cost of the changes be higher or lower than current packaging costs?
 - 2. How to define "serving" or "serving size."