



CR 101 Memorandum

Regarding Cannabis Samples.

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Background

On July 8, 2022, Vicki Christopherson, on behalf of the Washington Cannabusiness Association, submitted a petition for adoption, amendment or repeal of a state administrative rule to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (Board). The petition requested that the Board amend WAC 314-55-096, concerning vendor, educational and internal quality control samples, in an effort to update and streamline requirements. The petition also referenced the amount of time the current rule had been in effect, and that an update was warranted.

On August 31, 2022, the Board accepted the petition. Consistent with RCW 34.05.330(1)(b), the Board agreed to initiate the rulemaking process and begin collaboratively engaging with stakeholders and any interested members of the public to explore potential rule revisions related to vendor, educational and internal quality control samples.

Reasons Why Rules May Be Needed

Amendments may be necessary to update and streamline WAC 314-55-096 concerning cannabis vendor, educational, and internal quality control samples. Additionally, amendment, repeal, or the creation of new rule sections in Title 314 WAC may be needed to align potential revisions to WAC 314-55-096.

Process

The rule making process begins by announcing the Board's intent to consider changes to existing rules, adding new rule sections, or both by filing a CR 101 form with the Office of the Code Reviser. This allows staff, stakeholders, industry partners, and all members of the authorizing environment to begin discussing proposed rule changes.

At the CR 101 stage of the rulemaking process, no proposed language is offered. Any interested party may comment on the subject of this possible rulemaking

during the designated comment period. Notice will be sent to all who have indicated that they want to receive notice of rule activity pertaining to this pre-proposal inquiry. The notice will identify the public comment period and where comments can be sent.