



## CR 101 Memorandum

### Regarding Implementation of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1453 (chapter 79, Laws of 2024).

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### Background

The Washington State Legislature passed Substitute House Bill [\(SHB\) 1453 \(chapter 79, Laws of 2024\)](#), which exempts qualifying patients or designated providers issued a recognition card, purchasing cannabis identified by the Washington State Department of Health in chapter 246-70, from a cannabis retailer issued a medical cannabis endorsement, from the cannabis excise tax until June 30, 2029.

### Reasons Why Rulemaking Is Needed

Amendments to, or repeal of, existing rules, as well as creating new rules, may be necessary to implement the temporary excise tax exemption for medical cannabis patients as described in [SHB 1453 \(chapter 79, Laws of 2024\)](#), and to make other technical changes to chapter 314-55 WAC as necessary for internal consistency.

### Process

The rulemaking process begins by announcing the Board's intent to consider changes to existing rules, add new rule sections, or both by filing a pre-proposal statement of inquiry (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 possible rule changes.

At the CR 101 stage of the rulemaking process, no proposed language is offered. Any interested person may comment on 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 related to this pre-proposal statement of inquiry. The notice will identify the public comment period and where comments can be sent.