



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

Print Form

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), 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 <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

### CONTACT INFORMATION *(please type or print)*

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### COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClst.htm>.

### INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

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

**1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.**

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: \_\_\_\_\_

The rule is needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: \_\_\_\_\_

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

List rule number (WAC), if known: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting the following change: \_\_\_\_\_

This change is needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

The effect of this rule change will be: \_\_\_\_\_

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.**

List rule number (WAC), if known: 314-55-570 1 line (j) & (5) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Check one or more boxes)*

It does not do what it was intended to do.

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It is no longer needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read attachment

It imposes unreasonable costs: \_\_\_\_\_

The agency has no authority to make this rule: \_\_\_\_\_

It is applied differently to public and private parties: \_\_\_\_\_

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read attachment

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [Paul Brice](#)  
**To:** [LCB DL Rules](#)  
**Subject:** Title Cert Petition  
**Date:** Friday, August 23, 2024 4:44:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Happy Trees Petition.pdf](#)

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External Email

8/18/2024

WSLCB Washington State Department of Commerce  
1011 Plum St SE  
Olympia, WA 98504  
Subject: Social Equity in Cannabis Program (SB 5080)

Rules Committee,

We are writing this to bring attention to concerns regarding the inclusion of Certificate Holders in the Social Equity Program.

SB5080 was specifically made to combat the injustices inflicted on minorities as a result of the War on Cannabis. Allowing Certificate Holders to make use of the program directly opposes the goals of the program which is to provide opportunities for those who were negatively affected by the criminalization of cannabis.

Certificate Holders have not been directly impacted by the War on Cannabis, yet they have been able to use the Social Equity Program as a way to take advantage of the opportunities made for qualifying Social Equity applicants. The purpose of the program was to provide benefits to minorities who faced injustices and inequality, not to Certificate Holders who have not experienced the same.

Allowing Certificate Holders in this program will take away from the mission of the program, to uplift minorities and the community by bringing in revenue, jobs, and opportunities for success in an industry which had previously treated minorities so poorly.

Social Equity is about bringing resources to a specific group of people who were not given the same opportunities as others. Providing a marginalized group with a more equal footing so they may have the opportunity to compete for the same goals as someone who wasn't facing the same injustices. Allowing for Certificate Holders to participate is in opposition of the entire idea of Social Equity, as Certificate Holders were not at a disadvantage because of the War on Cannabis so should not be provided with the benefits of the program designed for those who were at a disadvantage. In order for this program to be truly successful the benefits must be used only for people who have faced the injustices of the War on Cannabis.

In order to uphold the mission and goals of the Social Equity Program we are asking for immediate exclusion of Certificate Holders from the program.

We appreciate your time and attention on this matter and look forward to hearing back from

you.

Thank You,

Paul Brice