

WSR 23-04-027
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS
BOARD

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The Washington state liquor and cannabis board (WSLCB) is considering amending, repealing, and creating rule sections in Title 314 WAC as necessary to allow cannabis, vapor, tobacco, and liquor licensees to use cloud storage options instead of physical, on-premises storage for recordkeeping.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 69.50.342 (cannabis), 70.345.020 (vapor products), 82.24.550, 82.26.220 (tobacco and cigarettes), and 66.08.030 (liquor).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On August 31, 2022, WSLCB accepted a rule petition related to cloud storage options for recordkeeping. Consistent with RCW 34.05.330 (1)(b), WSLCB is initiating the rule-making process to begin collaboratively engaging with stakeholders and any interested members of the public to explore the possibility of allowing licensees to use cloud storage as a recordkeeping option instead of physical, on-site storage.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 43080, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-480-1238, fax 360-704-5027, email rules@lcb.wa.gov, website lcb.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested persons can participate in the rule process through open public meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to sign up for the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/subscriber/new>. Rule-making notices and stakeholder engagement opportunities will be emailed via GovDelivery and posted to the WSLCB website at lcb.wa.gov.

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Chair