

WSR 21-20-067
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS
BOARD

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 314-03-XXX Axe throwing at liquor licensed premises. The Washington state liquor and cannabis board (LCB) is considering creating a new rule section and amending or repealing other related rules in Title 314 WAC as necessary to allow the added activity of axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 66.08.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Axe throwing has become increasingly popular as an activity that liquor licensed businesses would like to offer to their customers. Beginning in 2018, the LCB licensing division began receiving applications from businesses that either had axe throwing as their primary activity and wanted to add liquor service, or from established liquor licensed businesses that wanted to add axe throwing as entertainment.

More recently, an axe throwing business applied for a liquor license and appealed the LCB licensing division's decision to deny their application. In April 2021, the LCB approved a settlement agreement allowing that specific business to have a liquor license for one year with certain parameters in place, including a safety plan that addresses public health and safety concerns arising at the intersection of axe throwing and alcohol service.

The LCB considers axe throwing at liquor licensed premises to be a high-risk activity with implications for public health and safety. Rules are needed to mitigate safety concerns and maintain public health and safety while allowing axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

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 Audrey Vasek, Policy and Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 43080, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-664-1758, 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 LCB website at lcb.wa.gov.

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