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AGENDA
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD

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Semi-Annual Rule Development Agenda
July 1 - December 31, 2026

The Washington state liquor and cannabis board (LCB) prepares a semi-annual rule-making agenda in January and July of each year to inform the public of expected upcoming rule changes. Pursuant to the Washington state Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.314), the agenda is filed with the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. This report details current and anticipated rule-making activities for LCB. This agenda is for informational purposes and the noted dates of anticipated rule-making actions are estimates. There may be additional rule-making activities not anticipated at this time, such as those necessary to implement new state laws, meet federal requirements, or other circumstances.

LCB encourages the public to be involved in the rule-making process by attending public hearings and submitting written comments regarding rules. Rule-making information is available on the LCB website at https://lcb.wa.gov/laws/current-rulemaking-activity. To stay informed of our progress and be notified of any changes, sign up for email notifications at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/subscriber/new. Under subscription topics, select *Rulemaking*.

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KEY:

APA: Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW).

CR: "Code reviser" on the rule-making forms, which are produced by the office of the code reviser for use by all state agencies.

CR-101: Preproposal statement of inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule-making order permanently adopting a rule and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.353.

RCW: Revised Code of Washington.

WAC: Washington Administrative Code.

WSR: Washington State Register official filing reference number given by the office of the code reviser when a notice is filed.

Alcohol Rule Making

WAC Section(s)	Title	Description	Preproposal Notice (CR-101) Filing Date and WSR #	Proposed Rule (CR-102 or CR-105) Filing Date and WSR #	Permanent Rule (CR-103) Filing Date and WSR #	Effective Date	Agency Contact
314-02-065	Implementation of ESHB 1526 Snack bar licenses	Rule making to amend WAC 314-02-065 to align with a statutory change made to RCW 66.24.350 under HB 1526. Snack bars licensed by LCB are now permitted to sell wine by the glass in addition to beer by the opened bottle or can.	N/A	*CR-105 Expedited rule making 4/22/26 WSR 26-09-149	WSR 26-14-117	7/1/26	Kevin Walder Kevin.Walder@lcb.wa.gov
314-02-087	Implementation of ESHB 2476 Spirits, beer, and wine theater liquor licenses	Rule making to amend WAC 314-02-087 to align with statutory changes under ESHB 2476 Modifying the spirits, beer, and wine theater license, which amended RCW 66.24.655 to increase the maximum number of seats a theater can have to qualify for a spirits/beer/wine license from 120 to 200; and adds new requirements to the alcohol control plan agreement, including the mandatory use of electronic ID scanners, ID checks of all customers regardless of age, and regular monitoring by trained staff.	N/A	*CR-105 Expedited rule making 4/22/26 WSR 26-09-150	7/1/26 WSR 26-14-118	7/1/26	Kevin Walder Kevin.Walder@lcb.wa.gov
314-02-006 314-07-020 314-12-140	Implementation of 2SHB 1701 Authorizing multiple liquor licensees to have licensed premises within a facility owned and leased by another liquor licensee	Rule making to amend and repeal existing rules and create new rules necessary to implement 2SHB 1701 and align rules with new statutory language that allows a liquor licensee to lease the use of their licensed premises to other liquor licensees while continuing to also operate out of the licensed premises.	4/13/26 WSR 26-09-065	7/1/26 WSR 26-14-112	9/2/26	10/3/26	Daniel Jacobs Daniel.jacobs@lcb.wa.gov
314-02-140	Retail product placement	Rule making to amend existing rules regarding the placement of alcohol products in retail spaces, balancing commercial interests with public health and safety concerns. Rule making may address cross-over alcohol products, placement of mini-bottles, and alcohol product placement generally.	1/15/25 WSR 25-03-079	10/7/26	12/2/26	3/1/27	Daniel Jacobs Daniel.jacobs@lcb.wa.gov

Cannabis Rule Making

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314-55-075 314-55-077 314-55-079	Implementation of EHB 2681 Modifying cannabis producer, processor, and retailer license fees	Rule making to amend WAC 314-55-075, 314-55-077, and 314-55-079 to align with statutory changes under EHB 2681, which amended RCW 69.50.325 to increase cannabis license fees.	N/A	*CR-105 Expedited rule making 4/22/26 WSR 26-09-151	7/1/26 WSR 26-14-119	7/1/26	Kevin Walder Kevin.Walder@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-155	Implementation of ESB [ESSB] 5206 Concerning cannabis retailer advertising	Rule making necessary to align current WAC with statutory changes under ESB [ESSB] 5403 Concerning cannabis retailer advertising. Previously paused rule-making project targeting related concerns was resumed to implement statutory changes.	8/31/22 WSR 22-18-057	3/4/26 WSR 26-06-092	6/3/26 WSR 26-12-082	7/3/26	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov
Chapter 314-55	Implementation of HB [EHB] 1941 Agricultural cannabis cooperatives	Rule making necessary to align current WAC with statutory changes under 2026 HB [EHB] 1941 Authorizing agricultural cannabis cooperatives for cannabis producers.	5/14/26 WSR 26-11-024	9/2/26	11/4/26	12/5/26	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov
Chapter 314-55	Implementation of ESSB 5403 Cannabis license management agreements	Rule making necessary to align current WAC with statutory changes under ESSB 5403 (2025) Limiting financial interest agreements for licensed cannabis retailers.	7/23/25 WSR 25-15-153	11/4/26	1/6/27	2/6/27	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-083 (4)(f)	Cannabis batch tracking	Responding to October 2023 petition requesting updates to WAC to allow cannabis plants larger than eight inches of the same strain and growth stage to be tracked in a batch rather than individually.	6/4/25 WSR 21-12-115	12/2/26	2/3/27	3/6/27	Daniel Jacobs Daniel.jacobs@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-310	Cannabis transportation	Responding to September 2024 petition requesting LCB repeal, amend, or create rules necessary to allow cannabis licensees to cross-dock at a distribution fulfillment hub.	6/25/25 WSR 25-14-037	12/2/26	2/3/27	3/6/27	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov

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Chapter 314-55	Research and development (R&D) testing, definitions, and traceability requirements	Responding to May 2025 petition requesting that LCB update definitions and other applicable components of current rule to provide clarity regarding traceability requirements for cannabis and cannabis products used for R&D purposes.	9/3/25 WSR 25-18-103	1/6/27	3/3/27	4/3/27	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-102 (9)	Cannabis certificate of analysis (COA) expiration	Responding to October 2023 petition requesting amendment to WAC to extend the current 12 month COA expiration to 18 months.	7/23/25 WSR 25-15-154	Winter/ spring 2027	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-102 (3)(g)	Cannabis heavy metals testing	Responding to January 2024 petition requesting updates to WAC to change current optional heavy metals testing to a mandatory requirement.	6/25/25 WSR 25-14-034	Winter/ spring 2027	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Denise Laflamme Denise.laflamme@lcb.wa.gov
314-55-105	Cannabis harvest dates on labels	Responding to March 2024 petition requesting WAC amendments to require harvest and processing dates to be displayed on the labels of all recreational cannabis products.	9/24/25 WSR 25-20-039	Winter/ spring 2027	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Jeff Kildahl Jeff.kildahl@lcb.wa.gov

General Rule Making - All Industries

Not applicable.