



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Dept. of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 16-310 WAC, Accreditation of Cannabis Laboratories. The Department is considering modifying the chapter to add clarity to the existing requirements, improve and expand definitions, remove temporary requirements from program establishment, and provide more information on enforcement, inspections, and health and safety related issues.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 69.50.348, [RCW 15.150.030](#)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

During the 2024 legislative session, the Legislature passed 2SHB 2151, which transferred laboratory accreditation from the Department of Ecology to the Department of Agriculture. Rules for the accreditation program were finalized in 2024, with audits starting in 2025. A year and a half into program establishment, five laboratories have been accredited by the Department to conduct quality assurance testing for Washington State's cannabis industry. Now, the Department seeks to improve and clarify rules to provide administrative ease and clarity for laboratories. The Department will consider clarifying proficiency testing requirements, enforcement, inspections, suspensions, and other requirements as necessary.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

WSDA will collaborate with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and the Department of Health on these rules.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) The department will provide affected stakeholders the opportunity to provide input of the development of the rule amendments.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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