



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Department of Health

**Subject of possible rule making:** Chapter 246-70 WAC Cannabis Product Compliance. The Department of Health (department) is opening this chapter to consider updating the term "marijuana" to "cannabis," to examine the definition of compliant product, to review compliant product labeling, and align quality assurance standards with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 69.50.375, Second Substitute House Bill 1210 (Chapter 16, Laws of 2022)

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

Updating the rules with the term cannabis would implement and reflect 2022 statutory changes made by Second Substitute House Bill 1210 (Chapter 16, Laws of 2022).

Technical changes may need to be made to quality assurance standards to align with recent updates in rule from the Washington state Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB).

Reviewing the current classifications for compliant cannabis products and the difference between tax exempt product verses medical cannabis product which requires additional testing and a pre-selected label.

Reviewing the compliant product labeling requirements is in response to a petition which the department granted in June 2022.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board as well as Washington State Department of Revenue regulate licensed marijuana retailers which may have an interest in this proposal. We have organized meetings, discussions, and email correspondence with both agencies regarding this rule proposal.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) 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:**

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**Date:** November 2, 2022

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