



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-71 WAC, creating a new chapter regarding rules for a medical marijuana authorization database.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052 (Chapter 70, Laws of 2015, Regular Session)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Section 21 of 2SSB 5052 (Chapter 70, Laws of 2015, Regular Session) requires the Department of Health to establish a medical marijuana authorization database. The purpose of the database is to allow for the creation of recognition cards for patients and their designated providers. The cards allow patients and their designated providers to possess larger amounts of marijuana products, purchase the products without sales tax, and provide arrest protection.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) - the LCB has authority to license the medically endorsed marijuana retail stores who can create cards for a patient and sell medical marijuana products. The Department of Health will coordinate the implementation of 2SSB 5052 with the LCB through regular meetings and other communication.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Persons interested in receiving updates can join the Washington State Medical Marijuana Program list serv at www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana. Questions and comments may be sent by facsimile to (360) 236-2901, or by mail to the Medical Marijuana Program, PO Box 47852, Olympia WA 98504-7852. You can also email the program at medicalmarijuana@doh.wa.gov or contact by the program by phone (360) 236-4819.

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