



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Agency:** Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) is considering rule changes related to the tier structure for licensed marijuana producers and the number of producer licenses a person or business entity may have an interest in.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 69.50.342 and 69.50.345.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The WSLCB has heard concerns from smaller producers that they are unable to grow their business due to being limited to no more than 2,000 square feet of marijuana, and an interest for licensees to hold an interest in more than one producer license. Initially, WSLCB rules stated that a person or business entity may hold interest in up to three (3) producer licenses, which was later limited to interest in only one (1) license due to the high volume of producer license applications received. The WSLCB is considering adjustments to the tier structure of producer licenses and potentially allowing interests in more than one producer license as part of this rulemaking. Other changes related to producer license rules may be considered as part of this rulemaking.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
N/A.

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

- Negotiated rule making  
 Pilot rule making  
 Agency study

X Other (describe) Interested parties can participate in the discussions formulating this rule change by contacting or sending written comments to the agency staff listed below.

**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.)

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