



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024) (Implements RCW 34.05.320) Do NOT use for expedited rule making

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WSR 25-17-080

Agency: Washington State Gambling Commission

☒ **Original Notice**

☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR** _____

☐ **Continuance of WSR** _____

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 23-16-131 ; or**

☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** _____; or

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW** _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) WAC 230-17 Hearing Rules. New Section: WAC 230-17-002 Administrative Rules. Modified Sections: WAC 230-17-010 Requesting and scheduling a hearing; WAC 230-17-030 Methods of service; WAC 230-17-035 When service of notices, orders, and documents is complete; WAC 230-17-065 Depositions and interrogatories; WAC 230-17-090 Petitions for review and cross appeals of initial orders; WAC 230-17-145 Stays of final orders; WAC 230-17-150 Brief adjudicative proceedings.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
October 16, 2025	9:30 am	Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board 1025 Union Ave SE, Olympia, WA, 98501	The meeting time and location are tentative. Visit our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov approximately seven days prior to the meeting and select "About Us." Then, select "upcoming commission meetings" to confirm the hearing date, location, start time, and agenda items.

Date of intended adoption: October 16, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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Other www.wsgc.wa.gov

Beginning (date and time) August 20, 2025, 12:00 am

By (date and time) October 15, 2025, 5:00 pm

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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By (date) October 15, 2025 5:00 pm

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The current rule framework does not directly address motions, responses, and similar pleadings with regard to timeliness for hearings held by the Gambling Commission (WAC 230.17). The proposed changes include:

- Procedures for the electronic submission of documents and notice for commission materials
- Limiting the scope of interrogatories and requests for production from an unlimited number to 30.
- Amending the submission process to clarify deadlines for documents to be considered before a commission meeting.

Reasons supporting proposal:

In past Commission meetings motions, responses and other legal documents associated with a particular petition for review or reconsideration have been filed for review days prior to the upcoming meeting. Some filings have been received less than 24 hours before the next Commission meeting, forcing a continuance. The current rule framework does not directly address motions, responses, and similar pleadings with regard to timeliness. Other parts of the rule chapter on Hearing Rules (WAC 230.17) may also be amended to add clarity or ensure consistency

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 9.46.070

Statute being implemented: RCW 9.46.070

Is rule necessary because of a:			
Federal Law?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, CITATION:			
Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:			
Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington State Gambling Commission			
Type of proponent: <input type="checkbox"/> Private. <input type="checkbox"/> Public. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental.			
Name of agency personnel responsible for:			
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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, insert statement here:			
<p>The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Fax</p> <p>TTY</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Other</p>			
Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting: <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Fax</p> <p>TTY</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Other</p>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: Please explain: This rule change provides clarity to procedures for hearings conducted by the Gambling Commission. No costs are expected with these rule changes			
Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement			
Note: The Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (ORIA) provides support in completing this part.			
(1) Identification of exemptions:			
This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, may be exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). For additional information on exemptions, consult the exemption guide published by ORIA . Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):			
<input type="checkbox"/> This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted. Citation and description:			
<input type="checkbox"/> This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.			
<input type="checkbox"/> This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.			

- ☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
(i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |
- ☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).
- ☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW ____.
- Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

- ☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- ☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. _____
- ☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name
Address
Phone
Fax
TTY
Email
Other

Date: August 19, 2025

Name: Adam Amorine

Title: Legal and Records Manager

Signature:

