Washington Liquor Control Board to Release Draft Rules on Recreational Marijuana

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OLYMPIA, Wash. - On Thursday, the Liquor Control Board (LCB) is expected to issue the initial draft rules for Initiative 502 implementation, in order to receive input prior to filing the “official draft rules” in mid-June.The mid-June filing of draft rules begins the state process of formal rule-making which includes filing the rules with the state Code Reviser’s Office, holding a public hearing and issuing scheduled implementation dates. Once an agency files a CR 102, it’s difficult to revise the draft rules without re-starting the process. The state says that’s why they are vetting these initial rules.The rules scheduled for release on Thursday reflect the agency’s initial thinking on what Washington’s system of marijuana growing, processing and retailing will look like.These initial draft rules reflect the Board’s stated goal of developing a tightly regulated and controlled market. The Board is concerned with out-of-state diversion of product, traceability of products, responsible business practices, youth access and other public and consumer safety issues. The initial rules will reflect that view.The best way to contact the LCB is via email at rules@liq.wa.govAlternatively, you may provide input via the below channels.**Mail**
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360-664-9689The initial draft rules will be posted on the LCB website at www.liq.wa.gov.