

WSR 23-08-042
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 468-300-010, 468-300-020, 468-300-040, and 468-300-080.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 47.56.030, 47.60.315.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: As required by law, the transportation commission (commission) will be reviewing the need to adjust ferry fares and policies to meet legal and financial requirements for the 2023-2025 biennium. This rule is also needed to amend WAC 468-300-080 related to the ferry fuel surcharge for Washington state ferries.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The other agency that regulates this subject is the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) as the operator of the ferry system. The commission works closely and coordinates with WSDOT in developing fare-setting proposals.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making; and agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Aaron Halbert, Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-705-7070, email transc@wstc.wa.gov, website <http://www.wstc.wa.gov>.

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