

WSR 23-12-087

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 468-38-435 Federal weight increases on the interstate system.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.44.093, 46.44.0941, and 46.44.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The proposal for this rule change is to align Washington with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). The FAST Act allows 2,000 lbs. for electric battery vehicles not to exceed 82,000 lbs. Additionally, this rule change will consider a vehicle carrying fluid milk products a load that cannot be easily dismantled or divided (nondivisible).

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington state patrol.

Process for Developing New Rule: Federal law changed with the FAST Act; Washington state is adopting rules to be consistent with federal regulations.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Scott Zeller, P.O. Box 47367, Olympia, WA 98504-7367, phone 360-705-7290, fax 360-704-6391, email ZellersS@wsdot.wa.gov, website www.wsdot.wa.gov/commercialvehicle; or Justin Heryford, P.O. Box 47367, Olympia, WA 98504-7367, phone 360-705-7987, fax 360-704-6391, email heryfoj@wsdot.wa.gov, website www.wsdot.wa.gov/commercialvehicle.

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