

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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November 20, 2017

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS**

**(By Friday, December 22, 2017)**

Re: Rulemaking to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1105,
Docket TR-170780

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 20, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1105. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket TR-170780.

On July 21, 2017, Commission staff distributed a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments and Notice of Workshop.

On October 5, 2017, the Commission hosted a workshop to discuss the scope and process of the rulemaking, notice questions, and stakeholder comments.

Commission staff considered stakeholder comments provided during the workshop and developed draft rules that will establish regulations related to the operations of contract railroad crew transportation and contract crew transportation vehicles for review and comment by interested persons. The draft rules are available for review on the Commission’s website at [www.utc.wa.gov/170780](http://www.utc.wa.gov/170780).

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Written comments on the draft rules must be submitted to the Commission for filing no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, December 22, 2017.** Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3) (effective March 31, 2017), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission’s web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing). If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission’s Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission’s Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

* The docket number of this proceeding (TR-170780).
* The commenting party’s name.
* The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all written comments on its website at the following URL address: [www.utc.wa.gov/170780](http://www.utc.wa.gov/170780).

Commission staff will review and discuss the comments it receives on the draft rules and revise rules where it is appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may email staff lead, Mathew Perkinson at mperkinson@utc.wa.gov, or contact by phone at (360) 664-1236.

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