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Item Number: 3B

Docket: **TC-020497**
Passenger Transportation Companies – Rulemaking

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Recommendation:

Direct the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) in Docket TC-020497 to initiate a review of Commission rules in Chapter 480-30 of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Auto Transportation Companies and Chapter 480-40 of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Passenger Charter and Excursion Transportation Companies.

Discussion:

The objective of this rulemaking is to review rules governing the Commission's regulation of passenger transportation companies consistent with the requirements and standards established by Executive Order 97-02 regarding regulatory improvement. The Executive Order's criteria of need, effectiveness and efficiency, clarity, intent and statutory authority, coordination, cost, and fairness, will all be considered.

This rulemaking will also include consideration of whether substantive changes or additions are required for, but not limited to, provisions relating to:

- Definitions;
- Compliance and enforcement;
- Driver, equipment and company safety;
- Policies, processes, and procedures regarding certificates of public convenience and necessity (including entry standards for certain types of certificates);
- Schedules, tariffs, and rate filings; and
- Consumer protection and information.

Staff will schedule workshops with broad notice to interested persons, inviting regulated companies and other interested parties to participate in the rulemaking process.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) in Docket TC-020497 to initiate a review of Commission rules in Chapter 480-30 of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Auto Transportation Companies and Chapter 480-40 of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Passenger Charter and Excursion Transportation Companies.