

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1049
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

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