
HOUSE BILL 2050

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Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to county ferry systems; and amending RCW
2 47.56.725.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.725 and 1984 c 7 s 286 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a continuing
7 agreement with Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties pursuant to which
8 the department shall, from time to time, direct the distribution to
9 each of the counties the amounts authorized in subsection (2) of this
10 section in accordance with RCW 46.68.100.

11 (2) The department is authorized to include in each ((such
12 continuing)) agreement a provision for the distribution to each
13 ((such)) county funds to reimburse the county for fifty percent of the
14 deficit incurred during each previous fiscal year in the operation and
15 maintenance of the ferry system owned and operated by the county((7

1 ~~commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976~~). The total
2 amount to be reimbursed to Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
3 collectively shall not exceed (~~five hundred thousand~~) one million
4 dollars in any biennium. Each county agreement shall contain a
5 requirement that the county shall maintain tolls on its ferries at
6 levels sufficient to produce aggregate annual revenues at least equal
7 to the annual revenue of the county's ferry system in calendar year
8 (~~1975~~) 1990.

9 (3) The annual fiscal year operating and maintenance deficit, if
10 any, shall be determined by Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
11 subject to review and approval of the department. The annual fiscal
12 year operating and maintenance deficit is defined as the total of
13 operations and maintenance expenditures less the sum of ferry toll
14 revenues and that portion of fuel tax revenue distributions which are
15 attributable to the county ferry as determined by the department.
16 Distribution of the amounts authorized by subsection (2) of this
17 section by the state treasurer shall be directed by the department upon
18 the receipt of properly executed vouchers from each county.

19 (4) The county road administration board may evaluate requests by
20 Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties for county ferry
21 capital improvement funds. The board shall evaluate the requests and,
22 if approved by a majority of the board, submit the requests to the
23 legislature for funding out of the amounts available under RCW
24 46.68.100(3).