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**State Government Operations &  
Accountability Committee**

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**HB 2587**

**Brief Description:** Designating the Lady Washington as the official ship of the state of Washington.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Blake, Buck, Takko, Chase, Morrell, Kessler, Williams, Buri, Linville, McCoy, Morris, Flannigan, Eickmeyer, B. Sullivan, Wallace, Dunshee, Haigh, Kenney, Lantz, Hunt and Conway.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designates the Lady Washington as the official ship of the state of Washington.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 1/27/06

**Staff:** Kasa Tupua (786-7291).

**Background:**

The Lady Washington is a full-sized replica of a square-rigged sailing ship built in Boston in 1787. The original Lady Washington was used during battle to help the colonies gain independence from England during the American Revolution. In 1788, the Lady became the first American vessel to explore the west coast of North America, including the Pacific Northwest. The original Lady Washington was captained by Robert Gray, who discovered Grays Harbor and the Columbia River.

The Lady Washington was built in 1989 to celebrate the state Centennial. It is operated by the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport in Aberdeen, and travels locally and around the west coast of North America as the tall ship ambassador for the state of Washington.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Lady Washington is designated as the official ship of the state of Washington.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.