

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5440

As of January 30, 2009

Title: An act relating to naming state ferries.

Brief Description: Involving tribal governments when choosing names for state ferries.

Sponsors: Senators Sheldon, Kauffman, Kline, Roach and McDermott.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/04/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: The Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to name or rename state transportation facilities and must consult with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) before taking final action. Any governmental or private entity or person may initiate the process. In order for the Commission to consider a naming or renaming proposal, the requesting entity or person must provide evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): Language is added to clarify that state ferries are part of the facilities the Commission may name. Language is also added to clarify that letters of support from and resolutions passed by federally recognized tribal governments are evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. When naming or renaming a ferry vessel, the Commission must consider selling those naming rights.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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