

**HB 1879 - DIGEST**

Expands the duties of the executive committee of the Washington state ferry users relating to: (1) Understanding the Washington state ferries operating and capital budgets;

(2) Proposals to fare schedule changes;

(3) Operating budget cost savings and efficiency strategies; and

(4) Overall fare strategies and policies.

Requires the legislature to set a farebox recovery rate in the biennial omnibus transportation appropriations act at a ceiling of no more than seventy-three percent of the total Washington state ferries operating costs.

Requires the Washington state ferries, working with the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee and other relevant offices, to develop an improved online ferry system operating budget display, and an organizational chart of Washington state ferries personnel assignments.

Requires the executive committee to provide the transportation commission with recommendations on the adoption of fares and pricing policies.