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Brief Description: Adopting oil and hazardous substance spill prevention and response provisions.

**SB 5183 - DIGEST**

Establishes the marine safety and spill prevention and response office within the department of ecology.

Specifies the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Directs the division of emergency management to establish and manage the state oil and hazardous substances incident response training and education program to provide approved classes in hazardous substance response.

Requires all covered vessels entering the navigable waters of the state to be inspected to assure they comply with all applicable state and federal standards.

Requires each onshore and offshore facility and covered vessel to prepare and submit an oil and hazardous substances spill prevention plan to the state.

Requires notification of accidents and near miss incidents.

Directs the department of ecology to establish regional marine safety committees for the Strait of Juan de Fuca/Puget Sound and Grays Harbor/Pacific Coast.

Provides for the creation of a governor's advisory committee to provide independent judgment of the actions regarding oil and hazardous substance spills.

Revises requirements for operation of oil tankers in state waters.

Designates the crimes of reckless operation of a vessel, negligent operation of a vessel, and operation of a vessel while under the influence of liquor or drugs.

Revises financial responsibility requirements for violation of the act.

Levies an oil and hazardous substance spill prevention tax to provide for oil and hazardous substance spill prevention, response, and cleanup.

Revises provisions regulating pilotage activities.

Terminates the state maritime commission by June 30, 1994.

Repeals various provisions.