

2 **HB 2734 - H AMD 911 ADOPTED 2-13-98**

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The legislature finds and declares that there is a compelling need  
10 for the construction of additional state ferry vessels and  
11 corresponding terminal improvements in order to provide more capacity  
12 and frequent service to meet the forecasted travel demands of citizens  
13 traveling on Puget Sound ferry routes. The vessel technology required  
14 must provide additional travel options for high growth ferry routes  
15 through increased passenger-only ferry service.

16 The 1989 west corridor study evaluated cross-sound travel through  
17 the year 2020 and identified the Southworth to Seattle and the Kingston  
18 to Seattle passenger-only ferry routes as promising based on criteria  
19 evaluating cost effectiveness, time savings, physical constraints to  
20 operation, nonduplication of current service, and ability to relieve  
21 congestion.

22 Furthermore, as a result of legislative direction provided in the  
23 1991-93 transportation budget to the state transportation commission to  
24 evaluate and determine the location of new passenger-only ferry routes,  
25 the commission reviewed several service alternatives, determined that  
26 the Southworth to Seattle and Kingston to Seattle routes ranked  
27 highest, and directed the Washington state ferries to proceed with the  
28 design and permitting processes for passenger-only terminals at both  
29 Southworth and Kingston.

30 The legislature also finds and declares that there is a compelling  
31 need for the construction of a Jumbo Class Mark II ferry vessel. The  
32 long-range travel demand for trips from Central and North Kitsap  
33 Peninsula to the Seattle and Edmonds mainland ferry terminals indicate  
34 a one hundred twenty-two percent forecast increase in peak travel  
35 demand over the next twenty years between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and  
36 7:00 p.m. In order to support the economic growth of the Puget Sound

1 region and meet the forecasted citizen cross-sound travel demand, the  
2 Washington state ferry system must provide reliable ferry vessel  
3 operations that cannot be maintained with the existing aging super  
4 class ferry capacity.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department is authorized to proceed with the acquisition,  
8 procurement, and construction of a maximum of: (a) Four passenger-only  
9 vessels that respond to the service demands of state ferry service on  
10 the Southworth to Seattle and Kingston to Seattle ferry routes,  
11 including the terminal and docking facilities necessary to accommodate  
12 such service; and (b) a Jumbo Class Mark II ferry. The acquisition,  
13 procurement, and construction of vessels and terminals authorized  
14 herein shall be undertaken in accordance with the authority provided in  
15 RCW 47.56.030.

16 (2) A Jumbo Class Mark II ferry constructed under the requirements  
17 of subsection (1) of this section shall be of comparable quality and  
18 design as, and shall incorporate like controls, engines, and a  
19 propulsion system utilized in, the Jumbo Class Mark II ferries  
20 presently in operation or under construction in order to promote  
21 maximum commonality with those vessels.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 The department's authority to proceed with the acquisition,  
25 procurement, and construction of vessels and terminals authorized under  
26 section 2 of this act is contingent on a legislative appropriation  
27 approving that authority.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
31 immediately.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If this act is not referred to by bill or  
33 chapter number in a transportation budget, or an omnibus appropriations  
34 act, that, by December 31, 1998, either becomes law under Article III,

1 section 12 of the state Constitution or is approved by the people of  
2 this state, this act is null and void on December 31, 1998."

3 EFFECT: Adds authority for DOT to construct a Jumbo Class Mark II  
4 ferry vessel.

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