
SENATE BILL 5955

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1 AN ACT Relating to jumbo ferry construction; adding new sections to
2 chapter 47.60 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is a
5 compelling need for the construction of a fourth Jumbo Mark II Class
6 ferry vessel. The long-range travel demand for trips from Central and
7 North Kitsap Peninsula to the Seattle and Edmonds mainland ferry
8 terminals indicate a one hundred twenty-two percent forecast increase
9 in peak travel demand over the next twenty years between the hours of
10 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. In order to support the economic growth of the
11 Puget Sound region and meet the forecasted citizen cross-sound travel
12 demand, the Washington state ferry system must provide reliable ferry
13 vessel operations that cannot be maintained with the existing aging
14 super class ferry capacity. The legislature further finds that: The
15 present construction of three Jumbo Mark II ferries has resulted in the
16 development of procedures, methods, and knowledge that will result in
17 cost savings and efficiencies in the construction of a fourth vessel;
18 it is essential for the welfare and the economy to have the advantage
19 of such cost savings, procedures, and efficiencies that can be achieved

1 by utilization of existing agreements and contracts for supplying
2 equipment and construction; and providing for such construction by
3 utilizing existing agreements and contracts will result in savings in
4 cost and time in procuring such a vessel.

5 (2) It is the intent of this act to procure, to the extent
6 possible, a similar vessel to that of the three Jumbo Mark II Class
7 vessels under construction by utilizing the existing agreements,
8 contracts, methods, equipment, and techniques.

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

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may
12 enter into agreements amending existing contracts and agreements for
13 the construction and equipping of three Jumbo Mark II Class ferry
14 vessels providing for the construction and acquisition of a fourth
15 Jumbo Mark II Class ferry. A fourth Jumbo Mark II Class ferry
16 constructed pursuant to the amendment of pending contracts and
17 agreements shall be of comparable quality and design as, and shall
18 incorporate like controls, engines, and a propulsion system utilized in
19 the three Jumbo Mark II Class ferries presently under construction in
20 order to promote maximum commonality with those vessels.

21 The authority to enter into such agreements is contingent on a
22 legislative appropriation authorizing the construction and equipping of
23 a fourth Jumbo Mark II Class ferry.

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

26 In accomplishing the construction of a fourth Jumbo Mark II Class
27 ferry, the department shall include in any amendments for the
28 construction of the vessel the following provisions:

29 (1) A requirement that contractors comply with applicable laws,
30 rules, and regulations including, but not limited to, those pertaining
31 to the environment, worker health and safety, and prevailing wages;

32 (2) A requirement that the ferry will be constructed within the
33 boundaries of the state of Washington except that equipment furnished
34 by the state and components, products, and systems that are standard
35 manufactured items are not subject to the in-state requirement under
36 this subsection. For the purposes of this section, "constructed" means
37 the fabrication, by the joining together by welding or fastening of all

1 steel parts from which the total vessel is constructed, including, but
2 not limited to, all shell frames, longitudinals, bulkheads, webs,
3 piping runs, wire ways, and ducting. "Constructed" also means the
4 installation of all components and systems, as required by the
5 contract, including, but not limited to, equipment, machinery,
6 castings, electrical, electronics, deck covering, lining, paint, and
7 joiner work. "Constructed" also means the interconnection of all
8 equipment, machinery, and services, such as piping, wiring, and
9 ducting;

10 (3) A requirement that all warranty work on the vessel be performed
11 within the boundaries of the state of Washington, insofar as
12 practicable; and

13 (4) Such other requirements that are mandated by state or federal
14 law, as well as any requirements that are reasonably calculated to
15 accomplish the purpose of section 2 of this act and this section.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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