

1011-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget  
(originally sponsored by Representatives K. Schmidt, Johnson,  
Skinner, Zellinsky, Mitchell, Robertson, Fisher, Hatfield, Hankins,  
Smith, Dunn, Mielke, Anderson and O'Brien)

Brief Title: Exempting state and county ferry fuel sales and use  
tax.

**HB 1011-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Exempts the fuel that is purchased for marine use by the state  
ferry system or by a county ferry system authorized under RCW  
36.54.010.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations  
are not approved.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1011-S

May 9, 1997

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Engrossed  
Substitute House Bill No. 1011 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to state and county ferries;"

Under current law, entities that are exempt from the fuel tax  
pay sales and use tax on their fuel. Entities that are exempt from  
sales and use tax pay the fuel tax.

Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1011 would exempt state  
and county ferries from sales and use tax on fuel they purchase.  
However, ferries are already exempt from paying the fuel tax on  
their fuel.

It would be poor precedent to begin allowing some entities to  
be exempt from both taxes.

For this reason, I have vetoed Engrossed Substitute House Bill  
No. 1011 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Locke  
Governor