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4 By Committee on Transportation

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

8 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.64.220 and 1989 c 327 s 2 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Prior to collective bargaining, the marine employees'
11 commission shall conduct a salary survey. The results of the survey
12 shall be published in a report which shall be a public document
13 comparing wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment
14 of involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector
15 employees in states along the west coast of the United States,
16 including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but
17 not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors
18 peculiar to the area and the classifications involved. Such survey
19 report shall be for the purpose of disclosing generally prevailing
20 levels of compensation, benefits, and conditions of employment. It
21 shall be used to guide generally but not to define or limit collective
22 bargaining between the parties. The commission shall make such other
23 findings of fact as the parties may request during bargaining or
24 impasse.

25 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, salary
26 and employee benefit information collected from private employers that
27 identifies a specific employer with the salary and employee benefit
28 rates which that employer pays to its employees is not subject to
29 public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW.

30 (3) A person or entity, having reason to believe that the salary
31 survey results are inaccurate, may submit a petition to the state
32 auditor requesting an audit of the data upon which the salary survey
33 results are based. The state auditor shall review and analyze all data
34 collected for the salary survey, including proprietary information, but
35 is prohibited from disclosing the salary survey data to any other
36 person or entity, except by court order.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Salary and employee benefit information collected under RCW
4 47.64.220(1) and described in RCW 47.64.220(2) is exempt from
5 disclosure under this chapter except as provided in RCW 47.64.220.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1, chapter . . . , Laws of 1999
7 (section 1 of this act) is a clarification of existing law and applies
8 retroactively."

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