

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6377

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As of January 25, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to operation of vessels by the state ferry system or municipalities.

**Brief Description:** Exempting vessel operations of state ferries or municipalities from SEPA.

**Sponsors:** Senators B. Sheldon, Winsley, T. Sheldon, Haugen and Wojahn.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/27/2000.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Lynn Hale (786-7346)

**Background:** Historically the operation of a vessel along a state highway route has not been an action requiring environmental review. Concern exists that current law is not clear as to whether the operation of a vessel along an established state highway route is an action requiring environmental review. The Legislature would like to clarify that the operation of a vessel along an established state highway route is not an action requiring environmental review.

**Summary of Bill:** The operation of a vessel by the Washington State Ferries or a municipality that provide services along an established state highway route is not an action requiring environmental review. The Legislature intends that this bill have retroactive effect.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 20, 2000.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.